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# SPRING FOR SELF-IMPROVEMENT

Completely by accident, I have recently read a couple of books by women who took "mid-life detours" to pursue long-cherished dreams. I say I read these books by accident because personal-epiphanies-disguised-as-memoirs don't usually appeal to me; I actually chose the books due to their locales. One is set in the South Seas, a place I'd like to visit, and the other is set in Paris, a place I love.

Since I'm happy with my life (not to mention fairly risk-averse!), I'm not likely to pick up and move to Florence to study Renaissance art or to Kent to take up master gardening. I am starting to feel, though, that I do need some sort of self-improvement project.

I trained for a marathon a couple of years ago, and I suppose I could do that again. The problem with training for a distance race is that it's all-consuming. If you're not actually running, you're thinking about your next run and how long it should be and whether you're adequately hydrated and if you ate properly the day before. It's exhausting, both mentally and physically.

An alternative to a bodily endeavor

would be an intellectual one; I guess I could undertake some continuing education. I speak decent tourist French, and it would be nice to be fluent in a second language. The problem with that plan, however, is that, while I like to learn new things, as I get older, I have little patience for formal study. The process makes me fractious.

In short, although I feel a desire for a new venture, I keep coming up with reasons not to undertake one. It's April, after all, so maybe my creative restlessness is just a form of spring fever. Maybe if I sit still long enough—and refrain from reading any more memoirs!—the whole thing will blow over like a spring thunderstorm.

In the meantime, it's been great fun putting together the Spring 2009 issue of this magazine. As our cover indicates, April is Foundation Awareness Month. Beginning on page 13, you can read about women who embody Theta's high ideals and who have experienced positive change through our Foundation's programs.

Jeanie Nelson, Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt, is another Theta effecting positive change. She followed her pas-

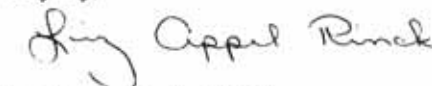
sion for environmental preservation by co-founding The Land Trust for Tennessee, and you can read her profile starting on page 30.

In case you're not one of the thousands of Thetas who is already marginally addicted to online social networking, you can learn more about this Internet phenomenon beginning on page 10. In conjunction with that article, our regular Site to See column explores some of the ways the Fraternity is using these networks to help Thetas connect with one another.

And if you're curious about the activities of alumnae and college chapters across the continent, please turn to our annual On Campus and Alumnae Album features, on page 25 and 33 respectively.

At 52 pages total, the spring issue is our largest quarterly edition, and we hope you'll find something to interest you on many of those pages. Enjoy, and happy spring.

Loyally,



Liz Appel Rinck, Γ/Butler Editor

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## CORRESPONDENCE

### GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

I recently read the Winter 2008-09 Theta magazine and enjoyed it. I even saw the picture of a friend from long ago (Snapshots, p. 13). She is a Gamma Delta alumna, and they were at the Cloister Hotel for a reunion.

The real reason I'm writing is to thank the sweet sisters who sent me a pansy pin commemorating 50 years of membership. I had totally forgotten that I was initiated in 1959 into Gamma Gamma at Rollins College. I was floored!

While at Rollins I ended up being Panhellenic president and had a great experience.

I don't know who is responsible for the pansy pin, but I did want to say a sincere thank you and congratulations on a top-notch magazine.

**RUTH LYNN WHITTAKER PHILLIPS**  
ΓΓ/ROLLINS

### SISTERS IN ITALY

I just wanted to share with you how much I enjoyed reading "Ciao Bella" in the most recent edition of the Theta magazine (Winter 2008-09, p. 25). I am also an alumna of CIU-CIMBA in Paderno del Grappa, and reading the article brought tears to my eyes! I am so happy these women found one another in such a far-off place. What a great example of Theta for a lifetime!

**LINDSEY LEE FRACE**  
BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE

### FREEDOM FIGHTERS

Thanks for publishing the great article about the sisters from University of Oregon ("Jailed for the Freedom to Vote," Autumn 2008, p. 12)!

I had not really known much about the struggle to allow women to vote in the US, other than a sense of its starting in the mid-nineteenth century and lasting into the 20th—until my husband and I were invited by the local cable TV company to a viewing of *Iron-Jawed Angels* a few years ago. I had no idea how opposed President Woodrow Wilson was to having women vote. What brave women they were to protest his stance! And two of them were Thetas!

It is hard to believe how they were treated and what they endured.

I'm glad that Mary Edith Arnold is

still volunteering as Theta's archivist!

**MARY MILLER ARNOLD**  
AΘ/Texas

### DANCING MEMORIES

What fun it was to get the Theta magazine and read the article "Shall We Dance?" (Winter 2008-09, p. 16) by Jane Shepherd Dick.

I was in college during the early '40s, the period she writes about. No one needed to worry about dorm or sorority house room decor. Our dance cards embellished every wall. As I remember, we usually ran a heavy cord around the top of the walls and hung our cards there. If you were invited by a man to a dance, he would ask his friends, usually fraternity brothers, to be the entries on your dance card. Lucky you if they were all good dancers!

Remember, that was the era when almost every one danced, except when an exceptionally talented couple took

to the floor. Then we all stood around and watched. Jitterbugging was the rage. At dances sponsored by the sororities or other women's groups, the women filled up the cards with their friends' names.

The dance cards became more and more elaborate, like little books. I remember one made of decorative wood. At one of our college reunions, a Kappa friend brought hers and made a great display with pictures of the long-ago dances and posters of the Big Bands that had played at them. When I read the story, I immediately called my Theta sister, Carol Wheeler Malone, who had been the queen of the Junior Prom.

Within a few years, all the men were off to the war, and probably the fashion died out after normal college life resumed some years later. I thank Jane for the remembrance!

**POLLY MURRAY CUNNINGHAM**  
ΓΖ/CONNECTICUT ♦



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## MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Congratulations to the following alumnae and college chapters, which are celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2009.

### 100 Years

AM/Missouri	Denver
AN/Montana	Lincoln
AΞ/Oregon	St. Louis
AO/Oklahoma	San Francisco
	Topeka

### 50 Years

ΔE/Arizona State	ΔZ/Emory
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### 25 Years

EO/Randolph-Macon	Houston Northwest
EΠ/Bucknell	Williamsburg
EP/Lehigh	

## REUNIONS ANNOUNCED

### Φ/PACIFIC

Save the date, June 26-28, and join us for Pacific Alumnae Weekend (PAW) as we celebrate 50 years at Pacific. It promises to be three days of nonstop activities as you reconnect with your Theta sisters. Remember the black, dear; remember the gold; remember the stories.... For more information, contact Kelli Williams Page (kpage@pacific.edu, 209-946-2987), or Claire de la Rosa mendoze (cmendoza@pacific.edu, 209-946-3941).

### AO/OKLAHOMA

Alpha Omicron Chapter at Oklahoma will celebrate its Centennial on October 3. There will be a luncheon on that date, followed by tours of the chapter facility and a dinner and dance that evening. All of the festivities will be held in Norman, Okla., where the university is located.

Further details can be found at [www.outheta100.org](http://www.outheta100.org). The list of "lost" Alpha Omicron Thetas is listed on the website. If anyone can provide addresses for these women, please forward their addresses to: [ctharp@cox.net](mailto:ctharp@cox.net). The cochairmen of the event can be contacted for information as well. Carol Franklin Joullian, '81 ([caroljoullian@cox.net](mailto:caroljoullian@cox.net), 405-848-1792) and Helen Edwards Woodward, '59 ([hewnpc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hewnpc@sbcglobal.net), 405-329-1928).

### BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE

Calling all Oklahoma State Thetas from the 1980 new member class! Please plan to attend our 25-year reunion June 6-7 in Stillwater. We will

reminisce over Hideaway pizza, take strolls down to Theta pond, and probably "meet at Joe's" some time during the weekend. More details will be forthcoming, but we need to know that we have found you. Please e-mail your contact information to Laura Payne Dronzek ([laura\\_dronzek@hotmail.com](mailto:laura_dronzek@hotmail.com)). Also, help us find lost Theta class members by sending any contact information you may have for other pledge sisters.

### ΔΣ/DELTA SIGMA

Informal reunion of Delta Sigma new member class of 1978. If you're interested in participating in a summer reunion in the Indianapolis area, please contact Laura Biddle-Bruckman, [lbuckman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lbuckman@sbcglobal.net).

### ZR/UC SAN DIEGO

Welcome home, all members of Zeta Rho! We would love for you to join us as we celebrate our chapter's fifteenth anniversary. Mark your calendars for mid-May! We promise you'll leave with new memories that you can treasure along with the precious ones you made in college. Please contact Talia James, alumnae relations chairman ([talia.e.james@gmail.com](mailto:talia.e.james@gmail.com)) and visit our website ([www.theta.ucsd.edu](http://www.theta.ucsd.edu)) for more details.

### HI/SAN DIEGO

Save the date for the Fourth Annual Eta Iota Celebration—USD Homecoming Tailgate, October 16-18, San Diego, Calif. Contact Emily Leeton ([eleeton@hotmail.com](mailto:eleeton@hotmail.com), 619-723-0528).

## PLANNING A REUNION?

If you are trying to locate Thetas from your chapter for a reunion, place a reunion notice in *The Magazine*! Send a brief notice to Reunions, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Be sure to include a contact name, phone number, and e-mail address.

Notices for reunions to be held May through July must be received by January 31; for August through October, received by April 11; for November through January, received by July 11; and for February through April, by October 23.

## PHOTO TIPS

*The Magazine* wants your photos! We cannot guarantee publication, but we make every effort to publish as many submissions as we can. We are especially pleased to receive photos

illustrating reunions, individual accomplishments, group gatherings, and alumnae and college chapter events. (Please note that we are **not** currently accepting photos announcing weddings or births. We are also **not** currently accepting images of Thetas "kiting," i.e., making kite shapes with arms or fingers.)

We accept both digital images and traditional prints. Digital photos should have a resolution of at least 300 ppi (pixels per inch). To capture a digital image at the appropriate resolution, you must use at least a 3.2-megapixel camera, with the resolution set on large and the compression set on superfine.

So keep your camera handy and capture those Theta moments for *The Magazine*. Submission information is available on page 1.



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## KAΘ International Volunteer Day

April 20, 2009

As Fraternity president, I would like to thank each and every Theta who volunteers her time to our Fraternity. Your contributions of time and expertise exemplify our true promise and positively impact the Theta experience for all of our members. In recognition of your volunteer efforts, this day is dedicated to you.

On behalf of  
Grand Council,  
thank you!

— Katie Busby  
EZ/Mississippi,  
Fraternity President





## In Her Own Words

### Q&A With a Theta of Note

*Katie Busby, PhD, EZ/Mississippi, was elected Fraternity president at Grand Convention last June. She previously served eight years on Grand Council, in the positions of Fraternity vice-president membership and Fraternity vice-president education. Outside Theta, Busby works as director of student affairs assessment and planning at the University of Alabama.*

**Q** What is the accomplishment of which you're proudest?

**A** It was a proud moment when I finished my first marathon. I had a lot of fun training with two friends (a Theta and an Alpha Phi), and it was a great feeling when we crossed that finish line and met our goal.

**Q** What is your motto?

**A** Be the person your dog thinks you are.

**Q** You are an experienced volunteer, for both Kappa Alpha Theta and other organizations. What is the value of volunteering?

**A** I am continually amazed by how much volunteering provides the volunteer. Those who commit themselves to helping others do so for the benefit of others, but the level of return in personal relationships and skill development for the volunteer matches the gift they have given to others. It's the best win/win I can think of.

**Q** What's your favorite word?

**A** No. I think that women, and especially Thetas, have a hard time saying no when asked to do contribute or volunteer. We balance careers, families, community activities, and Theta activities and every once in a while we should say "no" so we can take care of ourselves.

**Q** What's your least favorite word?

**A** No. I haven't mastered that balance thing yet.

**Q** What talent would you most like to have?

**A** I would love to be able to sing. I don't expect to get a recording contract, but it would be nice to sing along to my favorite songs and to not embarrass myself at Theta functions when we sing.

**Q** What was your childhood ambition?

**A** Growing up, I always wanted to be a veterinarian. I'm not sure that I would have lasted in that field, though. I love science, but I would probably get too emotionally attached to be a good vet.

**Q** Who is your real-life hero?

**A** My father.

**Q** If you were stranded on a desert island, what book and/or movie would you want to have with you?

**A** Just one ... really? You must kidding! To pick one book, it would be my Bible. Is there any way I can get a Netflix subscription on that island so I could have one movie at a time?

**Q** What do you value in your friends?

**A** From my closest friends, it is their willingness and ability to "call me out" or tell me when I'm off-course (even though I may not want to hear it). Also the fact that they can tell me "I told you so," and I still want to talk to them.

**Q** What is your most treasured possession?

**A** My most treasured possession has to be Puffy, my first stuffed animal. I got a stuffed dog for my first Christmas; I was about six months old. I took that thing everywhere! It is hardly recognizable now but served me well as a security blanket when I was a child. I still have Puffy, stored away safe and sound.

**Q** What is your favorite Theta memory?

**A** There are so many it's hard to choose. One of my favorite college memories is the Dad's Day celebration we had my freshman year. Our chapter planned a brunch and some weekend activities to celebrate our dads. This is the part that can get confusing, but makes it special. My niece, Cassidy Burdine Hummel, EZ/Mississippi, was a senior at Ole Miss when I was a freshman, and she was instrumental in my decision to pledge Theta. That year, my dad had both his granddaughter (Cassidy) and his daughter (me) in the chapter at the same time. We had a great time and have a great picture of the three of us at the event. ♦



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- Network with other Thetas: career, internship & business
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- Read special company announcements and access an exclusive inCircle company directory
- Create and/or join groups that are built around shared interests, jobs, chapters & locations

### How to add inCircle to your Facebook:

Thetas who have already joined inCircle may follow a link in the announcement e-mail to upload the application; Thetas who are not yet inCircle members will need to join first at <https://kappaalphatheta.affinitycircles.com>.

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Fraternity page will keep  
members posted on the most  
current Theta news but will also  
host a number of fun tools such as  
photo albums, polls, and events.

Join today by going to  
**Community > Official Facebook Page**  
on the Fraternity website.

# *kappaalphatheta.org*



## SNAPSHOTS

**Becky Hart Fox, B/Indiana**, was recognized by Indiana University for her service to the university and to her local community. Fox was awarded the Gertrude Rich Award, which is given to a woman who has exemplified the spirit of Gertrude Rich in making outstanding contributions to the Indiana University Alumni Association.



**Paige Bendel Ellerman, I/Kentucky**, received the 2008 Outstanding Recent Graduate Award from the Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law Alumni Association. The Chase Alumni Association Board of Governors

chooses recipients based on nominations submitted by fellow alumni and friends.



**Jennifer Broughton, I/Butler**, was named Indianapolis's Lutheran High School's alumna of the year. Over the years, Broughton has provided ongoing support of the school, including founding a fund-raising event for the athletic department,

starting and head-coaching the cheerleading program, and leading the basketball team post-season tournament rally events.



**Cindy Wall Morrison, AO/Oklahoma**, was awarded the Panhellenic Woman of the Year by the Tulsa Area Panhellenic Association, recognizing her leadership and contribution to her community. Morrison is an Emmy award-winning reporter

for KTUL channel 8 in Tulsa.

**Robyn Gunn, I/E/Western Ontario**, is a co-founder of Smart Cookies, a financial discussion group aimed at personal finances and controlling debt. After a 2007 appearance on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, the founders were given their own show on the W Network and have authored *The Smart Cookies Guide to Making More Dough*. Their savvy advice and recipe for success has been featured on *The Today Show* and in the *Wall Street Journal* and *New York Times*.

**Katie Ball, BA/William & Mary**, has been named a 2008 Truman Scholar and will receive \$30,000 to conduct graduate work in areas of public service. Ball was among 65 scholars nationwide selected by the Truman Foundation from the 595 nominees for the annual scholarship.

**Robyn Benear Ewing, I/Tulsa**, was selected as one of Oklahoma's top 50 women by *The Journal Record*, a general business and legal newspaper focusing on the Oklahoma City and Tulsa business communities.

**Sarah Mills Butzin, A/DePauw**, president and executive director of the Institute for School Innovation, is the recipient of the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award from Florida State's college of education. Butzin was honored as the year's distinguished educator.



During Delaware's fall homecoming weekend, collegians at Zeta Tau Chapter hosted Delaware-area alumnae and Zeta Tau alumnae for an alumnae brunch.



Ashley Allen, Jessica Lawler, Katie Cronvich, Sarah Isaacs, Lesley-Ann Francingues, Dominique Romano and Meg Hanna, all ΔK/Louisiana State, supported Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity at its annual Watermelon Bust philanthropy event.



At the Mid-American Greek Council Association's Conference in Chicago, a group of collegiate and alumnae Thetas found one another for a picture. Those attending the conference are either undergraduates who are members of their college or university's Panhellenic Council or alumnae who are Greek advisors, organization officers, or NPC representatives.



all AO/Oklahoma, enjoyed the pre-game festivities of the national championship game between Florida and Oklahoma in Miami.



In August, 40 members of Zeta Mu Chapter at MIT moved into the chapter's first campus facility, which includes residential and meeting space. An official ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in October, which brought MIT administrators and school alumnae together to welcome the collegians to their new home.



**Janice King Blair and Janyce Engell Bohrmann, AΣ/Washington State**, both work for the Port of Seattle, giving tours of the Seattle Tacoma International Airport.



**Liz Fenner (left)**, VP administration for Beta Tau Chapter, and **ELC Tory Freese (second from right)**, AM/Missouri, met with Beta Tau's facility corporation board members **Jane Trexler Wilken and Anne Roberts Ormond**, both alumnae of BT/Denison.



# ALUMNAE



The **Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter** held its sixth annual spring luncheon for graduating Thetas. Attendees included several 50- and 75-year Thetas. Pictured are (front) **Mary Kay Handy Snyder, Γ/Butler**; **Jane Malcolm Fletchall, B/Indiana**; **Mary Jane Hartwick Norman**, **Alice Appel** and **Gail Raymond Miller**, all **Γ/Butler**; **Mary Phillips Lesh, BB/Randolph Macon**; **Joy Foulkes Sacopolos, B/Indiana**; (back) **Ellen Eichhorn Rhodes** and **Polly (Margaret) Pepper Simmons**, both **Γ/Butler**; **Lois Walker Robertson, B/Indiana**; **Patricia Gifford Butsch, BA/William & Mary**; **Marianne Taggart Bock, BΣ/SMU**; **Gloria Nowack Guttman, A/DePauw**; **Peggy Russell Colby, ΓT/Tulsa**; **Nancy Duff Morton**, **Nina Whitehead Dellinger**, **Nancy Schwein King** and **Betsey Barnes Bachman**, all **AX/Purdue**.

Members of the **Reno Alumnae Chapter** and **Beta Mu Chapter** gathered for northern Nevada's 10th annual Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure, on the campus of University of Nevada Reno. **Sarah Sciarani Polito**, alumnae chapter president, served on the race's board, the Reno Alumnae Chapter formed a team, and members of Beta Mu Chapter cheered participants along the race course. Pictured are **Sarah Sciarani Polito**, **Jenna Hayes**, **Jennifer Robinson**, and **Shauna McCarthy**, all **BM/Nevada**.



**Judy Battles Bourne**, **Mariann DiFrank Kvacek**, **Kathy Utrecht O'Connor**, and **Darlene Euretig Cartwright**, all **AT/Ohio State**, took part in the **Cleveland Alumnae Chapter's** Founders Day Service.

The **Boston Metro Area Alumnae Chapter** celebrated Founders Day in Cambridge, Mass., with an excellent turnout, including alumnae and collegians from **Zeta Mu Chapter** at MIT and **Zeta Xi Chapter**. After the formal ceremony, former Boston Metro Area Alumnae Chapter member and Foundation Trustee **Kelly Wesley, ΓI/Kentucky**, spoke to the women about the benefits of donating to the Foundation. As a result, the chapter donated more than \$500 to the Foundation at the event.

**Lynn Young Heustess, ΓY/Miami**; **Vennice Jernigan Ireland, ΔΦ/Clemson**; **Amy Connell Monsees, BΔ/Arizona**; **Tiffany Potter Kibler, ZK/South Carolina**; **Jeanne Buchanan Brice, AΣ/Washington State**; and **Jane Walker Hawkins, BN/Florida State**, took part in a cooking demonstration arranged by the **Chattanooga Alumnae Chapter**.



**Shannon Garrison, BΣ/UCLA**, was presented with the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award for her work at Solano Avenue Elementary School in Los Angeles. The award provides public recognition and financial rewards to education professionals who are furthering excellence in education.



**Dr. Elizabeth (Liza) Manolakis Wilson, ΔO/Alabama**, co-department chair for curriculum and instruction at The University of Alabama, has been named the 2008-09 Paul W. Bryant Endowed Professor in the UA College of Education. Dr. Miguel Mantero, department head of secondary curriculum, teaching and learning, said, "Dr. Wilson continues to inspire a new generation of teachers and collaborates successfully with the community to help improve our schools. It is an honor and a privilege to help support the many facets of Dr. Wilson's work as a scholar and a mentor."



**Sally Draper Zoll, Ed.D., A/DePauw**, was a recipient of a 2008 *San Diego Business Journal* Women Who Mean Business Award, which recognizes local women business leaders for their excellence in career and community. Zoll is CEO of United Through Reading, a non-profit that helps military families and others stay connected by filming parents reading children's books aloud and sending the DVDs home to children.



Grapevine High School Fillies varsity dance team director **Kaylynn Coulson Renfro, ΓΦ/Texas Tech**, was honored at the 2009 Texas Dance Educators Association Convention (TDEA) as the recipient of the TDEA Lifetime Achievement Award. Recipients are nominated by their peers and selected by the awards committee in honor of their obvious dedication to their profession and the advancement of dance/drill team.



Fifty-year Theta **Georgia Tipton Kidwell, K/Kansas**, raised awareness during the election year for the League of Women Voters, an organization of which Kidwell has been a member for four decades, including president. She was selected to be a part of United Way's "Live United" campaign and has been featured in local newspaper ads, brochures, and the United Way of Tarrant County website.



**Sonya Mueller, AT/Cincinnati**, was crowned Cincinnati's homecoming queen. Looking on is university president and fellow Theta, **Dr. Nancy Lusk Zimpher, AT/Ohio State**.

**Janet Reed Gilsdorf, ΓN/North Dakota**, received the 2008 Alumnae Achievement Award. Gilsdorf is a professor at the University of Michigan and is the head of the Pediatric Department at the Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.





**Heather McPhaul**, ΓΦ/Texas Tech, has published her first novel, *Raggedy Ann Heart*. The novel is a coming-of-age story of two sisters, battling budding hormones, imaginary friends, and obsessive compulsive disorder while growing up in 1970s west Texas.



**Lynne Vincent Cheney**, B&Z/Colorado College, has written *Blue Skies, No Fences: A Memoir of Childhood and Family*. In her memoir, Cheney tells of her time growing up in Casper, Wyo., in the

years following World War II. The book pays homage to a unique time and place in American history and to the generations of hardy souls who have gone before us.



**Jill Plunk**, B/Indiana, has published her first children's book, titled *Zoo Rendezvous*. Ten percent of all of the book's sales are going to five-year-old José,

from Immokalee, Fla., who is completely hearing-impaired. Plunk, pictured with José, learned of the boy from her roommates, the boy's teachers and fellow Beta alumnae Elizabeth Marshall and Marjorie Kreighbaum.



**Allison Winn Scotch**, BH/Pennsylvania, has authored *Time of My Life*, her smart, entertaining follow-up to her debut novel, *The Department of Lost and Found*. Scotch's character, Jillian, wonders what her life would be like if she'd stayed with

her attractive but unreliable boyfriend, kept her demanding job at an ad agency, and retained her hard-partying ways rather than trading it in for her life as a suburban housewife. One morning, Jillian wakes up in her old life, seven years prior, and has the chance to discover "what if," once and for all.



Mary Jane Hurley Brant, mother of **Katie Brant**, ZZ/Colgate, has released *When Every Day Matters: A Mother's Memoir on Love, Loss and Life*. Katie was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor

# AUTHORS and more

during her freshman year at Colgate, and her family dealt with that diagnosis, treatment and progression of brain cancer for nearly ten years. Katie eventually lost her battle, and *When Every Day Matters* chronicles Mary Jane's journey the first year after losing her beloved daughter.



Beverly Hills dermatologist **Dr. Eva Ritvo**, B&Z/UCLA, has co-authored *The Beauty Prescription: The Complete Formula for Looking and Feeling Beautiful* with UCLA-trained dermatologist and clinical faculty, Dr. Debra Luftman. "Our mes-

sage is that all women are beautiful and each woman must cultivate her inner beauty, good health, and outer beauty to reach her maximum potential," Ritvo said. A portion of the proceeds from the book will be donated to the UCLA medical school scholarship fund.



**Sharon Lyman Quinn**, BM/Nevada, has released *Second Beginning: A Story of Adoption*, a truly positive and uplifting account of her daughter-in-law's quest to find her birth parents. Quinn, her daughter **Kathy Quinn Scholz**, and her daughter-in-law, **Mia**

**Brophy Quinn**, are all alumnae of Beta Mu Chapter at Nevada.



**Jennifer Bryson**, ΦΔ/Stanford, edited a children's coloring book titled *Marvel, Believe, Care Coloring Book*. The book features Bible verses and illustrations of plants and animals to help churches and families educate children about caring for the gifts God has made. It is available for free download at [MarvelBelieveCare.org](http://MarvelBelieveCare.org).

**Dr. Lisa Sparks**, AO/Oklahoma, has released several books, *Health Communication in the 21st Century*; *Cancer, Communication and Aging*; *Talking Cancer*; and *Patient-Provider Interaction*. Dr. Sparks is a highly regarded teacher-scholar whose published work spans more than 100 research articles and scholarly book chapters, and is the author and editor of more than 10 books in the areas of communication, health, and aging, with a distinct focus on cancer communication science.



*A Visitor's Guide to Colonial & Revolutionary Mid-Atlantic America* is a guidebook that examines the battlefields, historical sites, and museums of the Mid-Atlantic region. The book, written by Robert Foulke and **Patricia Nelson Foulke**,

Y/Minnesota, moves from the 1600s through the Colonial era and up to 1812. It allows readers to learn, explore, and tailor the ultimate American history trip, based on detailed lodging, restaurant, and historical site listings.

**Laura Mitchell**, Ω/UC Berkeley, has published her first book, *Belongings: Property, Family, and Identity in Colonial South Africa*, which is part of an innovative series sponsored by the American Historical Association. The book looks at the process of colonial settlement in South Africa in the 18th Century, and it is available for free at <http://www.gutenberg-e.org/mitchell>.



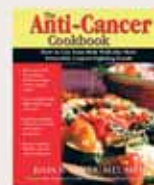
**Judith Hood McKelvey**, AI/Washington-St. Louis, has produced an album of Muppet music for seniors titled *For Mature Audiences Only*. The album contains 10 songs, com-

posed and sung by Bob Getzschman, addressing issues of interest to seniors.



**Sydney Stephenson Clevenger**, A&Z/Washington State, has published her first children's book, *Swifty's Big Flight*, under the pseudonym Lee Jackson. The book tells the story of a young Vaux's Swift who begins his long journey

south for the winter. The book includes a list of fun facts about Vaux's Swifts.



**Julia Greer, MD**, EM/Princeton, has written *The Anti-Cancer Cookbook*, a book filled with more than 230 delicious recipes of powerful, cancer-fighting foods.



**Paulette Lewis Mitchell**, BO/Iowa, has written *The Complete 15-Minute Gourmet*. In the book, Mitchell infuses international flair, developed from more than 20 years of travel, with creative recipes that yield amazing culinary results from minimal time and effort.





# Reunions



1 Delta Chapter alumnae from the 1970s met for a homecoming reunion at the University of Illinois. The weekend included a cocktail night in Chicago, the game, and fun at the Theta house. The group even started a "Traveling Theta Quilt" to share and pass around for years to come.

2 To celebrate their 25th anniversary, (front) Dee Dee Soucek Marineau, Debbie Bickland Miller, Amy Sizelove Sorrell, Debbie Bickel Del Busto, (back) Sandy Tucker Kerr, Chris Sekulich Antony, Liz Appel Rinck, and Margo Pratt Matthew, all members of Gamma Chapter, returned to the chapter facility for Butler's homecoming.

3 Members of the Alpha Lambda Chapter class of 1955 met in September at the Alpha Lambda Centennial Celebration at the University of Washington in Seattle.

4 Alumnae of the 1977 class of Beta Kappa Chapter at Drake, met this June to visit their friend and sister Peggy Smerek-Eggesiecker, who passed away in October. Pictured are Barbara Ellis Parsons, Kathleen Jones, Peggy Smerek-Eggesiecker, Elyn Mann Wolfson, (back) Patty Parsons Gretsche, Cynthia Ruhl, Kristi Wallace Mignano, Becky Fink Rooks, Jan Johnson Garland, Barb Edgerley Kirschner, and Marla Viktor Lacy.

5 Thirteen alumnae of Alpha Rho Chapter at South Dakota met in August for a three-day reunion at the summer home of Eleanor Toft Jenkins in Black Hills National Forest. Pictured at a luncheon at the Alpine Inn are (front) Nancy Hoy McCahren, Eleanor Toft Jenkins, Betty Holmoe Pfeifle, Kay Kiel Hockett, (middle) Lynette Waltner, Frankie Swett Shultz, Beth Lund Sampsel, Marjorie Frantz Blumenthal, Ann Jastram Malowney, (back) Ruth Howalt Brennan, Kay Salem Widdis, Darlene Mann Hutchinson and Jean Gilbert Anderson.

6 Emily Booth, Pamela Holand, Marian Schutte, Megan Beville, and Nicole Hebert, five alumnae of Alpha Phi Chapter at Tulane, gathered in Atlanta for a weekend which included the musical *Wicked*.

7 Stacy Lipiec Kania, Tish Miley Hodor, Carrie Kretschmer Hartgen, (back) Christie Longstreth Taylor, Lisa Cherveney Pearce, Michele Van Hooser Berger, all alumnae of Beta Pi Chapter at Michigan State, attended the Michigan State vs. Ohio State game in East Lansing, Mich.

8 Lisa Freeland, Aarin Morrow, (second row) Ashley Ragsdale, Britney Michalski Cole, (third row) Laura Davis, Angie Wright Myers, Shannon Lee-Baron, Katherine Hunley Dixon, (back) Kelly Gaughan, and Rebecca Nichols, all BT/Colorado

State, met for a 10-year reunion cruise from Los Angeles to Ensenada, Mexico.

9 Shirley Wall Dahlquist-Bursvold, Emily Taulman Foor, Katherine Williams Herzik, and more than 100 other Gamma Omicron Chapter alumnae gathered last September in Los Rancheros de Albuquerque to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the chapter's founding at the University of New Mexico.

10 Pam Hecker Galipault, Dee Joyce-Hayes, Linell Broecker, Jenny Kerns Windsor, and Bari Hodge Bienia, all BA/William & Mary; and Janet Lowman Fox, IT/Miami, gathered for a group shot during a fall vacation in Colca Canyon, Peru.

## Not pictured

Members of the 1980 class of Delta Phi Chapter at Clemson met this fall in Asheville, NC, for their first reunion. The women had a wonderful time and are already planning their next reunion. Those attending were Karen Harrison Thompson, Pam Wentworth Capone, Cheryl Rowley, Gwen Logan Randolph, Gretchen McKellar Penney, Beth Whitten Gibbs, Susan Dacus Kilgore, Jeannine Funderburk Motsinger, Cathy Hill Singletary, Jackie Voegelien Freeman, and Meg McCabe Wentzel.

Please note that we are no longer able to publish photographs of members "kiting" (i.e., making kite shapes with their arms or hands).



# Welcome to the Revolution!

*thetas embrace online social networks*



By Kelly Johnson Oles, BK/Drake, Alumnae District Officer at Large

After I graduated from college, I had every intention of staying in touch with my Theta friends. But looking for a job, finding a way to make ends meet and aspiring to be the next big thing took a toll on the best-laid plans. Holiday cards and birthday wishes were about all I could handle.

Fast forward (almost!) 20 years. Just about everyone I know has a computer, I can Google anything I need, and even the grown-ups are text messaging from the workplace. E-mail is so widespread that I can't remember the last time I actually sent a memo. Technology has most definitely changed the way we live.

And now I hear that Facebook (created only five years ago) just recorded 175 million users, with half of those checking it on a daily basis. And I keep seeing a link to inCircle on Theta's website. Not to mention hearing about LinkedIn and MySpace. *Should I join the bandwagon, you might ask? Could these online social networks (OSN) be something I might actually benefit from?*

For many Thetas, OSN provide a vehicle for reconnecting with long-lost friends, staying in touch with those who move away, or finding an instant connection when relocating to an unfamiliar city. Others find them useful for communicating within a college chapter or inviting alumnae to a local event. And members of disestablished chapters are thankful for the chance to maintain the bond they formed with their sisters.

As the following comments illustrate, many Thetas are enthusiastic proponents of networking online. Perhaps their testimonials will inspire you to take the plunge.

I am a relatively new member to Facebook and I couldn't have been happier when one of my pledge sisters got in touch with me. I have so enjoyed getting back in touch with sisters that I haven't seen in about 20 years!

— Meredith Deutsch, ΓM/Maryland

The OSN format invites quick notes and random banter so you don't feel obligated to write a novel-length response ... even if you have not connected with someone in a while. The format allows you to just do a quick note to let your friends/sisters know you are thinking about them. I am a fan for certain!

— Lorrenda Newman Sherrer, ΑΤ/Cincinnati

I live in New Hampshire, very far from my chapter sisters. I was thrilled when I recently met up with some alumnae in the area, and we are in the process of starting an alumnae chapter. inCircle helped us find others in the area who might be interested.

— Briana Gormley Thatcher, ΓTI/Iowa State

I moved from North Dakota State to a school in Indiana without a Theta chapter. With social networks, I stay in touch with these girls and all Thetas that have had such an impact in my life for just over two years!

— Erin Frankenberger, ΓN/North Dakota State

In 2008, the Alpha Lambda chapter celebrated 100 years, and Facebook was instrumental in making the weekend a huge success. Facebook is like a mini-social mixer and keeps everyone connected.

— Meghan Wagner, ΑΑ/Washington

I am amazed at how many of my Theta sisters I have found on Facebook, including my big sis who moved back to the same town I'm in! We even are in touch with someone in Australia! I didn't realize how addicting the social networks can be; I check in at least every couple of days to see what everyone is up to.

— Ellen McDowell, ΔK/LSU

My favorite part is staying in touch with college friends and being able to catch up in just a few clicks and seconds—something you can't do over the phone. I definitely would rather have a dozen hour-long phone conversations, but that just isn't practical, so Facebook fills a void that is left by everyday life.

— April Jacobs, BK/Drake

Even though we may be across the country from each other, our Theta connection, with the help of technology, keeps us close.

— Christiane Hoffman, ΖΣΖ/Loyola Marymount



I posted that we were planning a trip to Las Vegas. A Theta friend, whom I hadn't seen in nearly 20 years, noticed and wrote on my wall that she and her husband were also going there. We met up for dinner and had a fantastic time reconnecting! So many people think that social networking sites are for "younger" people. However, it has been an amazing way for me to reconnect and renew friendships. Probably that would not have otherwise happened, given our busy, busy lives.

— Katie Bax Richardson, *ΓΨ/TCU*

inCircle has lots of potential and appeals to Thetas who are not familiar with social networking because it's a safe environment. I can share info with the local collegians about the alumnae chapter, and I can familiarize myself with the collegians who post photos of themselves so when I see them at a function, I can address them by name.

— Colleen Springer, *ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan*

One of my dearest Theta friends was diagnosed with an advanced form of breast cancer. We created a Facebook group, "Courtney LeBoeuf is our Hero," and it was astounding to see how many joined to show their support. We all came together to support Courtney, including at the Race for the Cure, where many of us saw each other for the first time in 10 years!

— Alisha Louie, *ZN/UC Davis*

When I was a freshman, an older Theta took me under her wing. Once she graduated, we lost touch. About two months ago, she found me online. Since then, we have been messaging back and forth, and I got to see her one weekend. If not for Facebook, I would still be wondering where she is. When we reconnected, it was like no time had passed, and it brought back some wonderful memories.

— Kristen Smiley, *ΓΧ/Fresno State*

Facebook helps UBC alumnae stay in touch. Our chapter was reestablished in 2003, and the alumnae since then have moved to pursue their life passions all around the world ... teaching English in Japan, law school in London, volunteering with the Peace Corps in Malawi.

— Polina Konstantinova,  
*BY/British Columbia*

*Editor's note:* Theta's Online Social Network Guidelines may be found at [www.kappaalphatheta.org](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org). Using the name "Kappa Alpha Theta" or any name meant to refer to the Fraternity or any of its entities or its membership in any content, pictures, or graphics used in any electronic media that are offensive, that reflect poorly on Kappa Alpha Theta, or that are inconsistent with the laws and customs of the Fraternity is prohibited.

## Tell me more about...

12,000 Thetas registered  
more than 220 chapter groups  
more than 115  
interest & industry groups

# inCircle

- Protected community for Thetas only; no outside spam or applications; content protected and never sold
- Signing up is free, and is a benefit of membership; it's as simple as clicking yes and your profile is created!
- Search for sisters by chapter, college, or name (replaces Sister Search previously on the Theta website)
- You determine what information can be viewed by others (including your photo and personal statistics)
- Receive an e-mail when there is activity on your page, or a birthday reminder (you must log in to inCircle to view it)
- Create or join groups for your college chapter, alumnae group, personal interests or career; then post updates, events, and photos
- Connect with other Thetas about areas of interest, have discussions in the forum, find Theta volunteer opportunities
- Network with others in your field, explore career opportunities and identify Thetas at companies you are interested in joining

# facebook

more than 130 Theta  
college & alumnae groups  
more than 7,150 Thetas in  
the alumnae group

- Interact with Thetas and non-Thetas across the globe
- Receive an e-mail when there is activity on your page (you can view without accessing Facebook)
- Read and respond to status updates from your friends
- You determine what information can be viewed by others (including your photo and personal statistics)
- Create, join, and post updates, events, and photos to Theta groups
- Send Theta Thoughts: type "application: Kappa Alpha Theta" in the search field (13,000 others have)
- Join the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation cause (3,150 others have)
- Content not necessarily confidential/protected

more than 36 million users  
more than 1,280 in the  
KAO group

# LinkedIn

- Profession-oriented site used to find jobs, colleagues, business opportunities; and receive recommendations
- Join industry as well as college alumni groups
- Find out the professionals that your Theta friends are connected to

\*Numbers accurate in mid-March



# The year was 1934.

Persia became Iran.

The average yearly wage in the US was \$1,600, and the average cost of a home was \$5,970.

Rue McClanahan,  $\Gamma\Gamma$ /Tulsa, was born. An actor and animal rights activist, McClanahan became best known for her role as Blanche on TV's *The Golden Girls*.

The first laundromat, called a "washeteria," opened in Ft. Worth, Texas.

The luxury liner *Queen Mary* was launched.

*It Happened One Night* debuted and became the first film to win all five major Academy Awards.

And  $\text{KA}\Theta$  initiated 998 new members, among them these women, who officially celebrated 75 years in the Fraternity on Founders Day.

## A/DEPAUW

Martha Coleman Bray  
Elizabeth Scipio Fisher  
Margaret Clippinger Gutting  
Mary Merrell Hunter  
Margaret Jennings  
McWhirter  
Marian Albaugh Short

## B/INDIANA

Madeline Wylie Clark  
Jane Wells McGiffert  
Rosemary Humphreys  
Morrow  
Madeline Workinger Yoder

## $\Gamma$ /BUTLER

Kathryn Kilby Borland  
Rose Ann Doebber Ferrara  
Jane Hennessy Fortune  
Phyllis Smith Kingsbury  
Betty Frazer Kiser

## $\Delta$ /ILLINOIS

Dorothy Blum Gannon  
June Carpenter Humphreys  
Alice Deal McDavid  
Kathleen Arnold Scales  
Jane Chilcott Stafford  
Betty McNutt Wilson

## H/MICHIGAN

Jeanne Keppel Hathaway  
Edith Hamilton Sestok

## I/CORNELL

Alice Guttman Brunton  
F. Biddle McMeen

## K/KANSAS

Florence Lebrecht Rourke  
Ruth Armstrong Smith

## A/VERMONT

Margaret Lockwood  
Pauline Bristol Noonan  
Marion Bartlett Tella  
Dorothy Oldfield Wilson

## $\Gamma\Delta$ /OHIO WESLEYAN

Margaret Smith Bowman  
Elizabeth Huffman Gaumer  
Marjorie Wolfe Warfel  
Nancy Badley Zantiny

## M/ALLEGHENY

Helen Edmundson Eaton  
Martha Nicklas Hause  
Mary Jones Hyde  
Sara McVey Patterson  
Dorothy Henderson Ralston  
Virginia Campbell Webster

## O/USC

Margaret Rogers Kurtz

## P/NEBRASKA

Elizabeth Glover Bosselman  
Jane Van Sickle Clemons  
Patsy Armstrong Nelson  
Katharine Shearer Patterson

## $\Sigma$ /TORONTO

Ann MacGregor  
Margaret MacGregor  
MacGregor  
Patricia Bonner Tomlinson

## T/NORTHWESTERN

Dorothy Haugh Greiner  
Virginia Johnson Hand  
Nancy Lewis Hynes  
Elizabeth S Jenkins

## Y/MINNESOTA

Elizabeth Cones Anderson  
Phoebe Jensch  
Carol White Mahley  
Catherine Ludwig Palmer  
Wilma Sivertsen Rogalin  
Marian Shellman Thuet

## $\Phi$ /STANFORD

Marion Hinton Barry  
Virginia Keim Holt  
Ruth Neupert Olivera

## X/SYRACUSE

Kathleen Mehl Smith

## $\Psi$ /WISCONSIN

Catherine Brummer Duncan  
Carol Voigt Jung  
Carol Starbuck McMurray  
Mabel Wright Musgrave  
Jean Gardner Ritchay

## $\Omega$ /UC BERKELEY

Mary Shand deFremery  
Martha Crew Fritschi  
Marjorie Hart Pedder  
Joan Skinner Smith

## A $\Gamma$ /OHIO STATE

Florence Lane Ahlers  
Mary Elizabeth Deming  
Combe  
Anna Peters Gray  
Lillian Willis Heitzman  
Nancy McMahon Pekruhn

## A $\Delta$ /GOUCHER

Fritzi Harris Hufsmith

## AH/VANDERBILT

Ethel Scoggins Sensenbach

## A $\Theta$ /TEXAS

Marjorie Roach Seewald

## AI/WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS

Dorothy Dittmann Biggs  
Lauramae Pippin Eckert  
Helen Mardorf

## AA/WASHINGTON

Beth Fitton Lassiter  
Mary Helen Merrick  
Mary Williamson Robinson  
Charlotte Fitton Wagner

## AM/MISSOURI

Pat Atkins Brigham  
Avis Green Tucker

## AN/MONTANA

Edith Atkinson Wylie

## AO/OKLAHOMA

Ada Elizabeth Haney  
Virginia Springer Overlees  
Helen Focht Reeburgh

## AP/N. DAKOTA

Verneil Axtell Aitken

## AP/S. DAKOTA

Shirley Gillman Early  
Katherine Early Manning

## A $\Sigma$ /WASHINGTON STATE

Grace Weller Gilmore  
Judith Schafer Hiss  
Margaret Hair Kirklin  
Jean Bowman Lowry

## AT/CINCINNATI

Jane Head Becker  
Mary Jung Gilmore  
Dorot Fitzgerald Hopple  
Dorothy Sanford Horacek  
Alice Pyper Neher  
Elizabeth Koolage Pogue

## AY/WASHBURN

Marjorie Beard Lovewell

## A $\Phi$ /TULANE

May Hendrick Chidlow  
Adrienne Gottschalk Dawson

## AX/PURDUE

Dorothy Coan Bergmann  
Margaret Monfort Boals  
Fritzi Jeanne Walkey  
Klopfenstein  
Mary Lustig Shoemaker  
Arlene Moritz Whitmarsh  
Jean Adkins Wilhelm

## A $\Psi$ /LAWRENCE

Julia Graver Magnuson  
Katherine Brokaw Ottman  
Ethel Helmer Riestler  
Dorothy Brown Severson

## A $\Omega$ /PITTSBURGH

Mary Alice Bast Dueger

## BB/RANDLOPH-MACON WOMEN'S COLLEGE

Jean Davies Harb  
Josephine Marchman Nash

## B $\Gamma$ /COLORADO STATE

Barbara Anthony Bailey

## B $\Delta$ /ARIZONA

Edith McMahon Lowery  
Mary Ovens Yakeley

## B $\Theta$ /IDAHO

Rema Walters Fleener

## BI/COLORADO

Frances Rogers Graves  
Francis Colt Wither

## BK/DRAKE

Sue Simpson Brock  
Alice Cupps Frese

## BA/WILLIAM & MARY

Doris Campbell Desmond  
Catherine Arnest Forsyth  
Ellen Latane Gouldman  
Sally Pevear Ingalls  
Mary Hoffman Vellines  
Elizabeth Schwerin Willson

## BM/NEVADA

Leone Clark Plunkett

## BN/FLORIDA STATE

Banks Wood Sharp

## B $\Xi$ /UCLA

Eleanor Dietrich Farrow  
Janet Knox McAdam

## BO/IOWA

Elaine Bjorklund Ground  
Dorothy Mieras Stone

## B $\Pi$ /MICHIGAN STATE

Ruth Martin Spencer  
Merle Whyte Webb

## BP/DUKE

Eleanor Mitchell Massaglia

## B $\Sigma$ /SMU

Dorothy Wathen Mayers

## BT/DENISON

Gladys Merchant Brintnall  
Gertrude Lozier Miller

## B $\Phi$ /PENN STATE

Virginia Loveland Bostwick  
B. Lynette Pease Serne  
Lillian Lawyer Snyder

## BX/ALBERTA

Rose Boileau Hart

## B $\Psi$ /MCGILL

Mary Higgerty Hodgkin

## B $\Omega$ /COLORADO COLLEGE

Martha Statton Potter

## $\Gamma\Gamma$ /ROLLINS

Jean Lichtenstein Lynch







# New Image; Same Mission

While almost 50 years have gone by since the founding of the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation in 1960, our mission today remains the same. We promise to attain the highest scholarship, to create the widest influence for good, and to commit to love. The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation continues the fulfillment of these promises for collegians and alumnae all over the world. Our mission is to link Thetas with resources to help them reach their fullest potential and make a difference in the world. For the last five decades, we've been striving to give every Theta every opportunity to make a difference through our scholarship, grant, and Friendship Fund programs. Our work is made possible because of the dedicated members, spouses, parents, and friends who form our community of supporters. The enclosed stories are a demonstration of how together the women of Kappa Alpha Theta can unleash the positive change we wish to see in the world through the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.



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## HIGHEST SCHOLARSHIP



"While seeking a MA and PhD in political science at Syracuse University, I received a graduate scholarship of \$500 from the Foundation. I think it was in 1964 or 65, but for sure it was the first year that the Foundation made such awards. I received my MA in 1965 and PhD in 1968.

"I will always be grateful for the Theta's help in launching my career."

— Dr. Anne Houghton Hopkins,  
X/Syracuse,  
Foundation Scholarship  
Recipient on the Foundation  
scholarship that led to  
her 40-year career

"To date, I have taught at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, University of Tennessee, University of Minnesota, Miami University, and University of North Florida. During these 40 years, I have published a good bit of research and a book. I also spent close to 20 years in senior administrative positions. I was academic vice-president at Minnesota and Miami, acting president at Miami, and president at the University of North Florida. I resigned as president of UNF in 2002 because of multiple surgeries and significant health problems. I am OK now and have returned to teaching for the last five years.

"The Foundation fellowship was the first really big boost in my career track, and I will always be grateful for Theta's help in launching my career. Over the years, I have tried to help Theta by serving on various Foundation boards and was, for several years, the national director of scholarship. Thank you so very much."

Past UNF presidents with Anne at her Inauguration, October 1, 1999. Photos courtesy of the University of North Florida.



## WIDEST INFLUENCE FOR GOOD



"Of all the emerging world issues, fresh water supply is at the top of the ever-expanding list. Who can survive without water? No one ... it is as essential as oxygen."

With her belief in the urgency of the world's water crisis, Breann applied for a Foundation grant to put her passion and skills as a hydrologist to work in Africa. Breann helped the people of Kenya and Uganda drill for fresh water—a resource that is hard to find in rural Africa and even more difficult to collect. Upon completion of the trip, Breann's team had drilled two wells, bringing welcome fresh water to the villagers.

"Working with people and being immersed in their culture is the best way to learn how to help them effectively on a long-term basis. Going to Kenya and Uganda was life-changing. I want to thank the Foundation for their wonderful support in this project. They made this trip possible for me, and helped make fresh water in Africa a reality."



"The Foundation did more than just pay for my trip — it helped make a difference in the world."

— Breann Westfall,  
BΘ/Idaho,  
Foundation Grant Recipient,  
on her volunteer work drilling  
for fresh water in Africa

Breann (second from left) with SAIWI team and villagers.



## LOVE

"I am the mother of Lesley Reue Gadomski, who is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and attended Florida State University from 1998-2002. Our daughter gained lifetime friends, leadership, responsibility, and loyalty from Kappa Alpha Theta. She was president of the Beta Nu Chapter, and her first job after graduation was as an educational leadership consultant for Kappa Alpha Theta. She gained a lot from her sorority, but she also gave a lot back — she LOVED her sorority.

"In May of 2007, Lesley married a wonderful man whom she met while visiting Washington State as an educational leadership consultant. They live north of Dallas and their lives were happy and busy as newlyweds. Seven months after their wedding, their home caught on fire, and they lost approximately 90 percent of all their personal belongings, as well as most of their home. Their house had to be gutted back to the studs and completely rebuilt inside.

"In their mailbox, probably three months after the fire, Lesley saw an envelope from Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. Not knowing what was inside, she slowly opened the envelope. Much to her surprise, she found a check from the Friendship Fund. She explained to me that every Founders Day, contributions were made to the Foundation and kept in a special fund to use whenever a sister needed help due to an unforeseen happening in her life. She said that never in her wildest dreams did she imagine that she would one day be a recipient of this fund. The donation from the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation Friendship Fund has really touched their lives.

"I truly want to thank Kappa Alpha Theta and all its members. Lesley and her husband have experienced an ordeal that has not been easy for the two of them. They are doing a good job coping, but when it comes time to move in, they do not have much to move. Your generous donation will help towards purchasing items that were destroyed by the fire.

"Thanks also to the sorority sisters who took the time to inform Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation of the tragedy that happened to Brendan and Lesley Reue Gadomski. God bless you for going that extra mile to help someone.

"We often hear that what goes around comes around, and I feel that Lesley has experienced this first-hand. Your donation was a real blessing."

Submitted by Gloria Reue,  
mother of Friendship Fund recipient  
Lesley Reue Gadomski, BN/Florida State



Lesley (back row, left) with fellow 2002-03 ELCs at Grand Convention 2002.



Our mission is to link Thetas with resources to help them reach their fullest potential and to make a difference in the world. Our donors enable us to consistently grow, prosper, and provide excellent support to individual members, chapters, and the Fraternity at large. Imagine what we could achieve if every Theta joined in our effort.

There are three simple ways you can become involved with the Foundation.

give

Your gifts make our work possible, and every gift makes a difference. Annual contributions grant the Foundation Board of Trustees the flexibility to respond to emerging needs of individuals, as well as the Fraternity at large. However, individuals and college and alumnae chapters can also leave a lasting legacy through the establishment of scholarships and grants. Another option is to consider including Theta in your estate plans. Helping Theta sisters is a wonderful way to leave a legacy.

receive

We can connect dreams with Foundation resources and set Thetas on the path to making dreams possible. Foundation scholarships provide financial resources to women needing assistance to complete undergraduate and graduate studies. Foundation grants enable Thetas of every age to continually pursue personal and professional growth through non-degree educational and leadership training programs. Thetas in need can be nominated for a Friendship Fund gift. The Friendship Fund was developed for unforeseen instances when our members need our assistance most due to severe financial distress, catastrophic illness, natural disaster, and urgent family crisis.

share

Are you a past scholarship or grant recipient, or have you seen the Foundation make a positive impact for an individual member, chapter, or your community? Is supporting the Theta Foundation a priority to you? Share your story. When you speak about your Theta experience, the reasons you give, and the women who have received support from our programs, you become a Foundation advocate.

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October 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008

### In Celebration of:

**100th Anniversary of the Seattle Alumnae Chapter**  
by Suzanne Lutz Woodruff

**My 69 Years in Theta**  
by Virginia Polley Lefferdink

**Neva Baine Murphy and 61 Years in Theta**  
by Neva Murphy

**Margaret Leete Poltrock's 25 Years in Theta**  
by Dorothy Acklin Leete

**Susan Gillis Ackbury becoming the Theta Chi House Mom**  
by Paige Fallis Perez

**Arrival of Maya Theeler**  
by Meaghan Anderson Neuberger

**B.A. Chapter**  
by Ashley Hudgins Rice

**Birth of Katherine Ann Anderson**  
by Jennifer L. Lucas

**Birth of Ellie Cain**  
by Susan Calobrisi Greene

**Birth of Austin William Graham**  
by Jennifer L. Lucas

**Birth of Halle Joy Handegard**  
by Kyle Hartvickson Handegard

**Births of Colby and Campbell McCreery**  
by Debbie Bornmann Allen by Mary Ellen Kutsenda Fitzsimonds

**Birth of Maxwell John Pinella**  
by Jennifer L. Lucas

**Birth of Lily Eve Sato**  
by Jessica Parker Sato

**Birth of Aaron Zuzga**  
by Kelley Galbreath Hurst, by Amy Hayner Kates

**Chris Thompson Briede's Birthday**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda Fitzsimonds

**Anne Hadley Bruso**  
by Julie Barr Jones

**Rene Bassett Butler**  
by Helen Pondrom Strickland

**Becca Caldwell's Graduation**  
by Mary Overton Caldwell

**Tiffany Cappel**  
by Beatrice Challis Laws

**Laurie McGregor Connor's Birthday**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda Fitzsimonds

**Kimberly Dobberstein**  
by Roger and Jessica Dobberstein

**Eleanor's 2nd birthday**

by Tracy Lambert Jack

**Darlene Elwood's Initiation**  
by Jennifer L. Lucas

**Eta Nu's 4th Anniversary**  
by Elizabeth L. Behrmann

**Gamma Omega Alumnae**  
by Fran Cooper Sale

**Gamma Omega New Members**  
by Fran Cooper Sale

**Kyle Hartvickson Handegard's Birthday**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda Fitzsimonds

**Susan Hotard's Birthday**  
by Jennifer L. Lucas

**Jen Weith's Birthday**  
by Linda McNamara Perlich

**Kappa Alpha Theta Northern VA Alpha Dinner Group**  
by Grace Turville Colwell

**Kappa Alpha Theta's new Website**  
by Maureen Fahey Bowers

**Lauren Keisler**  
by Mary Woods Keisler

**Bridget Hellquist Lesinski**  
by Lynne Blakesley Hellquist

**Marriage of Laura Marie Schabel to Keith Blake**  
by Deborah Lighton Schabel

**Marriage of Jen Weith to Scott Loyd**  
by the Alumnae Committee, by Dana Hemenz Bruning, by Elizabeth Spransy Dickinson, by Kory Linde-Elfelsen, by Mary Ellen Fitzsimonds, by Kyle Hartvickson Handegard, by Elizabeth "Liz" Ayscue Katz, by Lisa Davis Olney

**Marriage of Julie Elizabeth Wood and Craig Russell**  
by Sandra McDermond Wood

**Marriage of Mindy Young to Ken Marshall**  
by Lyn Stewart Simensen, by Marcia Wolff Thompson

**Marcia McGory's Engagement**  
by Nina C. Vergari

**Jennifer Menge**  
by Carolyn Watson Kruger

**Outgoing VPFs in District I**  
by Melissa Casey Suek

**Molly Perlich's Initiation**  
by Linda McNamara Perlich

**Logan, Lauren and Sarah Pfizenmayer**  
by Morya Mosberg Pfizenmayer

**Margaret A. Soderholm's Initiation into Gamma Theta Chapter**  
by Phyllis Johns Lampert

**The Women of Delta Sigma Chapter**  
by Carol Straley Trimmer

**Susie Frey Woodall's Birthday**

by Mary Ellen Kutsenda Fitzsimonds

### In Honor of:

**My 50 Years in Theta**  
by Katherine Brother Allen

**2008 District II VPFs**  
by Marcia Wolff Thompson

**25 Years as a Theta**  
by Catherine F. Kocian

**Amanda B. Adamek**  
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**Alpha Gamma Chapter**  
by Susan McVay Vanderver

**Alpha Mu Chapter's Centennial in 2009**  
by Mary Edith Estes Arnold

**Jeri McClure Altum**  
by Wendy Sears Goshert

**Alumnae Committee**  
by Dana Hemenz Bruning

**Amazing Women of the BΘ Chapter**  
by Joni Schneider Morrow

**Chris Sekulich Antony**

by Elizabeth Appel Rinck

**Mary Edith Estes Arnold**  
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**Anne Arseneau's volunteer leadership role in the Association of Fraternity Advisors**  
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**Beta Kappa Chapter**  
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**Erika Yeagy Biddix**  
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**Birth of Lucinda Jane Dilts**  
 by Julie Russell Dilts

**Birth of Jack Love Laughlin**  
 by Meaghan Anderson Neuberger

**Birth of Amber McCreery's Twins**  
 by Lissa Lutton Bradford

**Traci Blanton's Engagement**  
 by Kimber Blanton Budowsky

**Kristen Dale Boice**  
 by Maggie McKenny Harris

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**Laurie McGregor Connor**  
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**Virginia Jones Cook's 100th birthday**  
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- Dinah Hampton  
McClymonds**  
by Bryan-College Station  
Alumnae Chapter, by Mary  
Ellen Kutsenda Fitzsimonds,  
by Wendy Sears Goshert, by  
Kristen A. Magnes, by Liz  
Winfield Rigney
- Rachel Looney McKay**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds  
by Meaghan Anderson  
Neuberger
- Caroline McKnight**  
by Dinah Hampton  
McClymonds
- Lisa Edelmann McLaughlin**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds, by Wendy Sears  
Goshert
- Suzanne Graf McLemore**  
by Mary Jane Parker Beach,  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds, by Wendy Sears  
Goshert
- Angela Chamness Merk**  
by Mary Jane Parker Beach
- Lorie Herbert Merrill**  
by Wendy Sears Goshert
- Marjorie Teeter Meyer**  
by Wendy Sears Goshert
- Jill N. Michnick**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Katherine Mickel**  
by Kathleen Markey
- Pat Doomar Mierse**  
by Mary Jane Parker Beach
- Heather Mikes**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Jamie Markland Miller**  
by Elizabeth Appel Rinck
- Carolyn Minton**  
by Dinah Hampton  
McClymonds
- Anna Lambert Mitchell**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Susie Sanders Mobley**  
by Carol Cook Willard
- Susan Moran**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Erin McKenny Morris**  
by Maggie McKenny Harris
- Stacey Paulin Mortenson**  
by Kristen A. Magnes
- Maxine Moseley**  
by Melissa Marley MacLeod
- Michelle R. Mouton**  
by Mary Jane Parker Beach
- Carolyn Muller**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
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- Anne Murphy**  
by Wendy Sears Goshert
- My Pledge Class Sisters**  
by Patsy Tomlinson Roth
- Jodie Edwards Needy**  
by Jill D. Pedicord Peterson
- Colette Bridgman Niazmand**  
by Kristen A. Magnes
- Elizabeth Duia Nickles**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Mary Elizabeth Norton**  
by Meaghan Anderson  
Neuberger
- Maureen Guerrero Null**  
by Sue Laffan Thompson
- Cookie O'Day**  
by Michele Maseda Murphy
- Oklahoma City and Edmond  
Alumnae**  
by Patty Leach Detriese
- Katy Oldham**  
by Fran Cooper Sale
- Kelly Johnson Oles**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds, by Wendy Sears  
Goshert
- Lisa Davis Olney**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Jackie Volmer Orcutt**  
by Mary Jane Parker Beach
- Cara O'Rourke**  
by Suzanne Graf McLemore
- Suzi Warneke Page**  
by Debra Buckalew Campbell
- Nicci Pannier**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Heather Pearson**  
by Suzanne Graf McLemore
- Jill D. Pedicord Peterson**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds, by Wendy Sears  
Goshert
- Jennifer Kendall Pendleton**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds, by Joyce  
Harrison Honeyman
- Maggie M. Perlich**  
by Linda McNamara Perlich
- Samantha Perlich**  
by Linda McNamara Perlich
- Janet Paine Peters**  
by Mary Jane Parker Beach,  
by Wendy Sears Goshert
- Muffy Pacey Pinney**  
by Maggie McKenny Harris
- PK 2008 Reunion Committee**  
by PK 2008 Reunion  
Attendees
- Elizabeth M. Prosser**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds, by Wendy Sears  
Goshert
- Jennifer Quist**  
by Suzanne Graf McLemore
- Elaine Rand**  
by Sue Laffan Thompson
- Rebecca Ann Reddick**  
by Northern VA Kappa Alpha  
Theta Dinner Group
- Caroline G. Redmond**  
by Fran Cooper Sale
- Kara Sierk Reeder**  
by Bob and Bonnie Sierk
- Genar Carter Reed**  
by Fran Cooper Sale
- Anne DuVal Rehfs for her  
never-ending devotion to  
CASA**  
by Elizabeth Huber Miller
- Jean Reinhold**  
by Bruce Reinhold
- Mark H. Reinhold Family**  
by Bruce Reinhold
- Kim Heyman Reynolds**  
by Margaret Benjamin  
Heyman
- Megan Rheingans**  
by Maggie McKenny Harris
- Steffanie Carter Rhinesmith**  
by Wendy Sears Goshert
- Tracie Crosbie Riddle**  
by Cassie A. Smith
- Elizabeth Appel Rinck**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds, by Elizabeth M.  
Prosser
- Stacy Chestnut Rini**  
by Kristen A. Magnes
- Kathleen Ardell Rittner**  
by Sue Laffan Thompson
- Sara Fowler Robinson**  
by Jacque McKenny Fowler
- Melissa L. Rocco**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds, by Dinah  
Hampton McClymonds
- Vanya Foster Rohner**  
by Pamela Meichtry Horton
- Dana Rossi**  
by Brittnie H. Maxfield
- Lauren Roth**  
by Stephen and Lynne Roth
- Julie Rowles**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Nancy Harkless Russell**  
by Wendy Sears Goshert
- Hilary Stout Salatch**  
by Wendy Sears Goshert, by  
Molly Salatch
- Fran Sale honoring her service  
to Theta**  
by Kimberley K. McCarty
- Kathy Wynn Salvemini**  
by Mary Jane Parker Beach,  
by Ann Mercer Varey
- Christa M. Samaha**  
by Richard and Christine
- Samaha
- Trish Sanford**  
by Zita Enloe, by Suzanne  
Graf McLemore
- Julie Lucas Saxon**  
by Anne Taylor Tipton
- Donna Levens Schmidt**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Don P. Schnacke**  
by Wendy Sears Goshert
- Bobbi Beals Shapiro**  
by Mary Jane Parker Beach
- Melissa E. Shaub**  
by Mary Jane Parker Beach,  
by Meaghan Anderson  
Neuberger
- Lynne Wavering Shotwell**  
by Molly Shotwell Oelerich
- Courtney L. Sierk**  
by Bob and Bonnie Sierk
- Teresa Silva**  
by Celena Baker McCord
- Lyn Stewart Simensen**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds, by Wendy Sears  
Goshert, by Ann Mercer Varey
- Lou Wetstein Simpson**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds, by Linda Hanson  
Wilson
- Sage E. Singleton**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds, by Fran Cooper  
Sale
- Susie Mueller Sladoje**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds, by Wendy Sears  
Goshert
- Liza Smith**  
by Stephanie Moore Smith
- Marilynn Smith**  
by Nancy Gould Siemers
- Rachel Cameron Smith**  
by Don A. Smith
- Shirley Shields Smith**  
by Jill D. Pedicord Peterson
- Susan Smith**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Christa Dell Sobon**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Amy Sizelove Sorrell**  
by Elizabeth Appel Rinck
- Suzanne Spillman**  
by Dinah Hampton  
McClymonds
- Alaina Stenson**  
by Joanne Langjahr Lund
- Staci Stevens**  
by Laura K. Locke
- Cydney C. Stewart**  
by Wendy Sears Goshert
- Toni Stone**  
by Jacque McKenny Fowler
- Lisa Sombart Street**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Melissa Suek**  
by Suzanne Graf McLemore
- Paula Crafton Swartz**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Melissa Merryman Sypeck**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Carolyn Curry Tallman**  
by Mary Jane Parker Beach
- Tau Chapter**  
by Kerry Marie Shannon, by  
Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Judy Stecker Taylor**
- by Sue Laffan Thompson
- Barbara Baker Terrell**  
by Gwyneth Evans Booth
- The Platinum Thetas**  
by Marilyn Cheshier Lynch
- Cammy Theeler**  
by Meaghan Anderson  
Neuberger
- Cindy Shaffer Thoenes**  
by Melanie McLendon Dowell,  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Erin McCrea Thomas**  
by Kristen A. Magnes
- Marcia Wolff Thompson**  
by Mary Jane Parker Beach,  
by Suzanne Graf McLemore
- Tina Thompson**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Gray Oliver Thornburg**  
by Lissa Luton Bradford, by  
Kim Harvey Looney, by Carla  
Nelson
- Kim Thornton**  
by Suzanne Graf McLemore,  
by Meaghan Anderson  
Neuberger
- Angela Johnston Tobeckson**  
by Maggie McKenny Harris
- Kathy Bennett Tonkel**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds, by Wendy Sears  
Goshert
- Betty Townsend**  
by Jacque McKenny Fowler
- Dianne Treadwell**  
by Annetta Tiley Potts
- Martha Stanton Van Der  
Mallie**  
by Mary Jane Parker Beach
- Kara Van Duzee**  
by Suzanne Graf McLemore
- Ann Mercer Varey**  
by Fran Cooper Sale
- Suzanne Verardo**  
by Barbara Baker Terrell
- Ray J. Vitelli**  
by Wendy Sears Goshert
- Ann Wallace**  
by Kathleen Ardell Rittner
- Lindsay Warren**  
by Mary Jane Parker Beach
- Ada Clarke Watson**  
by Pasadena Alumnae  
Chapter
- Shirley Scales Weber's 80th  
year as a Theta**  
by Rose Fraser Jacobson
- Martha West**  
by Suzanne Graf McLemore
- Julie Thayer Whalen**  
by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzsimonds
- Anne H. Wheeler**  
by Hilary Ward Sill
- Isabelle and Sami Whitehead**  
by Debra Olson Sowell
- Anne Holbrook Wiedenbeck**  
by Mary Jane Parker Beach
- Gloria Stephens Williams**  
by Carey Elizabeth  
Fitzmaurice, by Sue Laffan  
Thompson
- Vicki Steele Williams**  
by Dinah Hampton  
McClymonds, by Fran Cooper  
Sale
- Kristine Larson Wix**  
by Mary Jane Parker Beach
- Women of the Eta Mu  
Chapter**  
by Karen L. Grab
- Susie Frey Woodall**





by Mary Ellen Kutsenda  
Fitzmonds

**Helen Edwards Woodward**  
by Wendy Sears Goshert, by  
Elizabeth M. Prosser

**Kristin Wright**  
by Barbara Bart Wright

**Marianne Wright**  
by Barbara Bart Wright

**Marilyn Wright**  
by Dinah Hampton  
McClmonds

**Samantha Wright**  
by Barbara Bart Wright

**Alison Healy Wroe**  
by Staci M. Stevens

**Kathy Young's Initiation**  
by Debbie Bornmann Allen, by  
Lissa Lufon Bradford, by Joan  
Hastings Kreiger, by Lorie  
Larson Land, by Jennifer  
Kendall Pendleton, by Fran  
Cooper Sale, by Lyn Stewart  
Simensen

**Noraleen Young's Initiation**  
by Debbie Bornmann Allen, by  
Lissa Lufon Bradford, by Lorie  
Larson Land, by Jennifer  
Kendall Pendleton, by Fran  
Cooper Sale, by Lyn Stewart  
Simensen

**Zeta Eta Chapter**  
by Lauren R. Dempsey

**Zeta Nu Pledge Class of  
1993**

by Jennifer Payne Strimatis

**Susan Zorsch**  
by Meghan Anderson  
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**Jodi Rae Bacon**  
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by Phyllis Barnaby

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by Kathryn Baugh Nielsen

**Lois Baugh**  
by Kathryn Baugh Nielsen

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by Nancy Haffner Pratt

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by Judith Baker Thomas

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by State College Alumnae  
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by Shirley Smith Frank

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by Judy Combs Smith

**Frances Coultrap**  
by Nancy Parks Pickett

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by Charlotte Curtis Eastland

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by Beta Nu Reunion, by Leslie  
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by Ardith Morrison Morgan

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by Lynn Jones Fight, by Marcia  
Wolf Thompson

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by Lucille Folley Burrill

**Gay Deland**  
by Elizabeth "Liz" Ayscue Katz

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**Anne Triba Dittrick**  
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by Mary Ann Dryden  
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by Liane Lipsey Cooper, by  
Diane Baydoun Friedman, by  
Jan Johnson Garland, by  
Patricia Parsons Gretsck, by  
Kathleen Denise Jones, by  
Barbara Edgerley Kirschner,  
by Maria Viktor Lacy, by Janet  
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Ruhl, by Patricia Turner Stoll,  
by Elynn Mann Wolfson, by  
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by Betsy Evans Ache

**Joan Carlson Fell**  
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by Betty Goodman Giles, by  
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by Shirley Wood Hartley

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**Charlotte Wenke Gilbert**  
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by Lila Herbert

**Clarissa Adams Goad**  
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by Bette Heckenively Allen, by  
Delphine Ayers Sanks, by  
Beverly Battey Smith

**Betty S. Graf**  
by Sarah Graf Woods

**Christine Porter Graf**  
by Sarah Graf Woods

**Sheri Grossman**  
by Bruce Reinhold

**Jane Herrick Grothe**  
by Margie Herrick Henry

**Alanna Liebhart Grunow**  
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**Linda Thourne Halter**  
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by Janice Kaye Battenberg, by  
Betsy Whitehead McIntyre, by  
Dorothy Stalker Reehling, by  
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Church, by Molly Tupper

**Mary Kelly Hellweg**  
by Marjorie Morehouse  
Groszkroger

**Alice Harris Henderson**  
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**Jannice Lynn Helmut Hill**  
by Pearlina Larsen  
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**Betty Lynn Horne**  
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**Marguerite Johnson Host**  
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by Catherine Verschoor  
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**Peggy Guilmet Hubbard**  
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by Kay Dean

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by Lucie Johnson Phillips

**Nancy McKisson Johnson**  
by Jane Chadwell Delony

**Norma Besinque Johnson**  
by Sandra Trask Wyman

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by Mary Grube Wahl

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**Marion Milwee Kingdon**  
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by Susan McIntosh Housel

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by Nancy B. Lamont

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by Louise Lev Gell

**Winnie Mae Davis Mai**  
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by Jill McKenzie Bailey, by Sue  
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by Barbara Roberts Gardell,  
by Denise Heinen Harris, by  
Susan Warneke Pagel, by  
Fransara Falsone Shoulitz, by  
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Calien Smith

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by Barbara Schumacher  
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Martha McKee West

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by Joan McMahon Jordan

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by Nancy Monday Glass

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by Nan Sanders Johnson

**Elizabeth Tatman Neal**  
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**Maegene Nelson**  
by Jill Nelson

**Carolyn Hughes Normoyle**  
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by Jane Van De Mark

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Chapter

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by Patricia Allen McKnight

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by Robyn Traub

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by Katherine Warren Holtz

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by Patricia Conner Coggan

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by Elizabeth "Liz" Ayscue Katz

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by Janice Perry Bomar

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by Louise Ruark Gutman

**Marion Lowdon Wiley**  
by Ethel Wiley Dodge

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by Mary Daugherty Pepper  
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by Jacquelyne Nixon DenUyl

**Adele Johnson Wilputte**  
by Harriet Irvin Rutland

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by Cheryl L. Coley, by  
Kathleen L. Fell, by Jessica  
Kivnik, by Mrs. Roger Paul, by  
Kimberly Roseberry, by Mary  
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**Frances Burrow Wingate**  
by Susan Burrow Johnson

**Emmie Anderson-  
Wisniewski**  
by Leslie Campo Nichols, by  
Stephanie Campo Tassin

**Miriam Graybill Woessner**  
by Mary Jane Graybill Keen

**Larry Wolf**  
by Suzanne Garratt Convis

**Jean Oakley Woodward**  
by Melanie Knott English

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**Virginia Graves Zeldin**  
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# KAPPA ALPHA THETA FRATERNITY ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Theta Sisters,

The True Promise of Kappa Alpha Theta captures both the potential of our individual members and of our organization. The True Promise of Kappa Alpha Theta represents a commitment to the values expressed in our ritual and to our genuine sisterhood. As outlined in this annual report, in 2008, we worked diligently to fulfill our promises.

Reflecting on the past year, we have much to celebrate. We established a new college chapter and four new alumnae chapters. We gathered for our 68th Grand Convention, we conducted numerous and varied educational programs, we served college campuses and local communities, and countless dedicated volunteers gave selflessly to provide the finest and most rewarding membership experience for collegians and alumnae.

Looking forward to the upcoming year, I am confident that the True Promise of Kappa Alpha Theta will be achieved even during these challenging times. Now more than ever our members need encouragement to fulfill their goals, the opportunity to make a difference, and true and loving friendship. The bonds of sisterhood through Kappa Alpha Theta can sustain us.

The promises that were forged by our founders 139 years ago are the same promises we make today. For each member of Kappa Alpha Theta, it is our obligation to uphold these promises and exemplify our commitment to social, intellectual, and moral growth. Each of us can influence the world for good, reach the highest goals of nobler womanhood, and continue to provide love and support for one another. By fulfilling our promises, we will ensure that our Fraternity remains healthy and relevant for today and tomorrow, for collegians, alumnae, and future members.



Loyally,

*Katie Busby*

Katie Busby, EZ/Mississippi, Fraternity President

## 2008-2010 GRAND COUNCIL

Katie Busby, Fraternity President; Amy Hayner Kates, Fraternity Vice-President College; Mary Ellen Kutsenda Fitzsimonds, Fraternity Vice-President Alumnae; Debbie Bornmann Allen, Fraternity Vice-President Education; Suzanne Graf McLemore, Fraternity Vice-President Finance & Facilities; Julie Ruffolo Gilpin, Fraternity Vice-President Membership; Kimi Morris Martin, Fraternity Vice-President Public Relations; and Wendy Sears Goshert, Foundation President.

## GENERAL TREASURY INCOME

Total \$4,235,900

Services/Supplies ***	.62%	\$ 26,362
Alumnae Support ****	.99%	42,071
Member Non-Dues Income **	5.35%	226,615
Leadership Training Fund Grant	5.90%	250,000
Risk Management Fees	7.46%	316,106
Foundation Grant	15.62%	661,509
International Meeting	22.08%	935,156
College Chapter Support*	44.40%	1,880,452
Investment Return/	- 2.42%	- \$102,371
Disestablished Chapter		
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,235,900</b>

- \* Initiation, per capita, & chapter services fees, etc.
- \*\* Merchandise sales, jewelry commission, affinity charge card, etc.
- \*\*\* Publications, labels/printouts, member links, etc.
- \*\*\*\* Alumnae per capita fees, paid individually and via alumnae chapters

## GENERAL TREASURY EXPENSE \*\*

Total \$4,361,577

Fraternity Officer Administration	3.33%	\$ 145,075
Capital Improvement ***	3.99%	173,923
Risk Management	6.59%	287,573
Central Office Administration	24.81%	1,084,944
International Meeting	27.47%	1,198,180
Programs *	35.90%	1,565,816
Investment Income to	- 2.15%	- \$93,934
Disestablished Chapter Reserves		
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,361,577</b>

- \* Magazine, Educational Leadership Consultants, AlcoholEdu, etc.
- \*\* Percent of total toward educational programs is 30%
- \*\*\* Computer system upgrades, building improvements

Kappa Alpha Theta's annual report provides information on Fraternity business as well as a short historical record of the year. This annual report reviews Theta programs during 2008 (January 1 - December 31). The financial information, however, pertains to fiscal 2007 - 08 (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007). And readers should also note that some scholarship and ELC information pertains to the 2007 - 08 academic year.



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## GROWTH

The Fraternity welcomed 4,788 initiated members in 2008! We also celebrated the chartering of one new college chapter and four new alumnae chapters.

The Eta Sigma Chapter was installed on April 20 at Chapman University in Orange, Calif. With 78 charter members and two affiliates, Eta Sigma joined five National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) groups on the Chapman campus. It is the eighteenth active college chapter in California.

Grand Council granted charters to the Hinsdale (Illinois) Alumnae Chapter in February, the Lafayette/Acadiana (Louisiana) Alumnae Chapter in March, the Columbia Area (SC) Alumnae Chapter in May, and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alumnae Chapter in December.

Growth of a different kind was marked by the debut of the Kappa Alpha Theta Officer Portal (OP), designed to be a virtual desktop for college chapter officers, advisors, and facility corporation board officers, as well as Fraternity officers and educational leadership consultants. The OP is a secure area for Theta officers to utilize all resources and tools needed to do their jobs, including access manuals and other relevant media; communicate important activities, events, and deadlines; complete, submit, review, and approve forms; and maintain updated member lists and officer rosters. College chapter officers and Theta volunteers have many demands on their time, and the goal of the OP is to make their lives less complicated and allow them to spend more time on big-picture issues.

A Theta song written in 1900 inspired a branding campaign for Kappa Alpha Theta that was introduced in 2008. A beautiful line from the song "Ideals of Gold" reads, "In noblest womanhood, find truest sisterhood." This sentiment is reflected in our new tagline, True Promise. The visual identity that is the most visible expression of our brand also includes a

wordmark—  
Kappa Alpha  
Theta—in a

graceful, elegant  
typeface, and our  
beloved black and gold kite.

Announced and reflected in the Theta website and *The Magazine*, our brand is designed to suggest warmth and vibrancy and to convey to our many constituencies the essential joy of belonging to Kappa Alpha Theta.



## PHILANTHROPY

### *Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation*

Founded in 1960, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation is a charitable and educational tax-exempt organization, whose mission is to link members with resources to help them reach their fullest potential and to make a difference in the world. Created by



## SCHOLARSHIP

During the 2007-08 academic year, 1,068 undergraduate Thetas achieved straight As for at least one school term (see page 45).

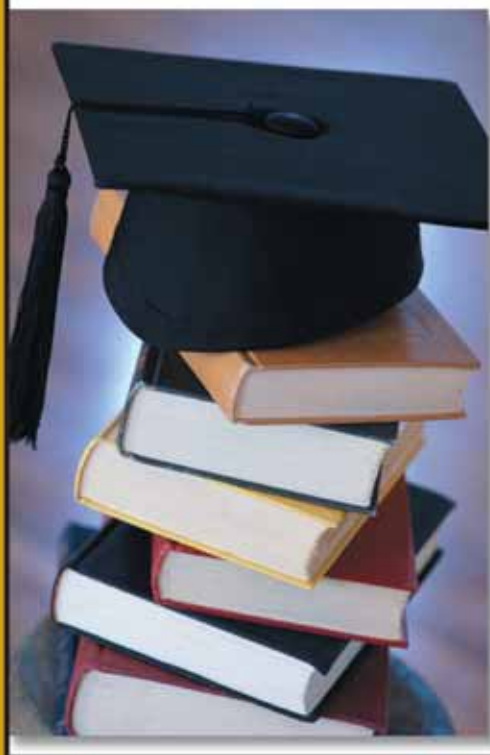
The following college chapters achieved the number-one scholarship ranking on their campuses during at least one term during 2007-08.

(An \* indicates those chapters that achieved number-one status during all terms.)

B/Indiana\*  
Γ/Butler\*  
H/Michigan  
K/Kansas  
M/Allegheny\*  
N/Hanover  
Φ/Pacific\*  
X/Syracuse  
AA/Washington  
AM/Missouri\*  
AP/South Dakota\*  
ΑΣ/Washington State\*  
AT/Cincinnati  
AΦ/Tulane  
BZ/Oklahoma State  
BK/Drake  
BA/William & Mary\*  
BM/Nevada\*

BO/Iowa\*  
BP/Duke\*  
BT/Denison  
BX/Alberta\*  
BΩ/Colorado College  
ΓΘ/Carnegie Mellon\*  
ΠI/Iowa State  
ΓT/Tulsa  
ΓΦ/Texas Tech  
ΔΔ/Whitman\*  
ΔE/Arizona State  
ΔY/Eastern Kentucky  
ΔΩ/Texas A&M  
ΦΔ/Stanford  
EH/Centre  
EI/Westminster College  
EA/Dickinson\*  
EO/Randolph-Macon

ET/Yale\*  
EΩ/Washington & Jefferson  
ZH/Wofford  
ZI/Washington & Lee\*  
ZE/~  
ZP/UC San Diego  
ZY/UT Dallas\*  
ZΩ/Loyola Marymount\*  
HH/College of Idaho\*  
HΘ/Central Florida  
HI/San Diego\*  
HA/~  
HM/Occidental  
HO/North Florida\*  
HP/James Madison  
HΣ/Chapman  
HE/Quinnipiac





dedicated to raising money for scholarships, educational and leadership grants, and financial hardship grants for our Kappa Alpha Theta members.

Awarding more than \$1 million dollars annually, what began in 1960 as a means of raising funds to support the philanthropic and educational opportunities for members of the Fraternity continues today as a pillar of support for its individual members, chapters, and the Fraternity at large.

In addition to gifts by individual Thetas, in 2007-08 the Foundation also received gifts from Theta chapters. College chapters donated \$119,945, and alumnae chapters donated \$168,803, for a total of \$288,749 in chapter gifts.

## *The Friendship Fund*

Through CASA, Thetas touch the lives of children; through the Friendship Fund, Thetas reach out and touch the lives of their sisters. Created in 1926 "...to make real to those who have met sorrow and temporary defeat the practical feel of sister hands clasping theirs in dark places," the Friendship Fund provides gifts to members experiencing extreme financial hardship due to serious or terminal illness, job loss, natural disaster, and other devastating occurrences.

In 2007-08, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation received more than \$74,155 in contributions to the Friendship Fund. In accordance with tradition, many of these donations were collected at Founders Day celebrations. Thanks to the generosity of Thetas everywhere, the Friendship Fund provided gifts of more than \$94,190 to both alumnae and collegians.

## *CASA*

Kappa Alpha Theta has a distinguished history of community service and philanthropic involvement. Since 1989, a focus of our philanthropy has been CASA, the Court Appointed Special Advocates program (In some communities, CASA is known as Guardian ad Litem and Pro Kids.) CASA's mission is to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children involved in juvenile courts.

Each year, college and alumnae chapters host fund-raisers that raise tens of thousands of dollars to support the work of their local CASA affiliates. More importantly, Thetas provide personal support by volunteering their time in local CASA offices, making toys or other items for CASA children, and hosting events for CASA children. Many Thetas complete the training to become CASA volunteers themselves.

## 2008 FRATERNITY STATISTICS

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Active College Chapters	125
Active Alumnae Chapters	191
Total Initiated Members	222,162

## RISK MANAGEMENT

Kappa Alpha Theta is committed to educating our collegians on how to minimize risk and manage risky behavior. The Fraternity provides college chapters with a number of resources outlining the Fraternity's risk management guidelines, including the *Risk Management Handbook*, the *Crisis Management Guide*, and a number of volunteers who work with chapter officers to plan social functions and educate chapter members on minimizing risk.

Designed for students joining Greek organizations, GreekLifeEdu is a specialized program that targets alcohol, hazing, and sexual assault. GreekLifeEdu empowers new members to make well-informed decisions and offers some simple strategies for member safety. The program presents non-opinionated, science-based content in an easily accessible, online format. Surveys, knowledge tests, and interactive exercises create a highly engaging experience for new members.

## EDUCATION

### *Member Education & Orientation*

Kappa Alpha Theta endorses the concept of continual membership education through all four years of college. Our college chapter educational program is called the Balanced Woman Member Education Program and provides modules and supporting materials for every week of the year. Through member education, the Fraternity helps prepare women to be leaders in life and to hone the strengths and skills they will need to make a difference in their communities.

Theta for a Lifetime is the name of the Fraternity's member orientation program. This name was selected because Theta is a lifetime commitment, and the privileges of membership last throughout a member's life. The program is designed to help new members understand the aims of the Fraternity-intellectually, the highest scholarship; socially, the widest influence for good; and morally, the standard of love.

### *ELCs*

As role models, mentors, guides, and ambassadors, Theta's educational leadership consultants (ELCs) are enthusiastic and well-informed. They develop educational programs, lead workshops, teach problem-solving techniques, motivate members, and offer assistance and support to college chapters. After comprehensive training in every aspect of the Fraternity's programming, policies, and procedures, as well as in effective communication, motivational techniques, and business etiquette, the 12 recent graduates who served as the 2007-08 ELCs fanned out across the continent, visiting each college chapter in the US and Canada.





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## DLCs

Approximately 1,300 Thetas gathered at nine District Leadership Conferences (DLCs) in cities across the US for education and training in leadership, personal development, and Theta-specific programming. The president, along with vice-presidents finance, education, administration, development, public relations, membership, and Panhellenic from each college chapter, as well as chapter advisors, attended. Participants enjoyed sharing ideas, having fun, and making new Theta friends from their districts.

## Theta Foundation LeaderShape Grants

The LeaderShape Institute, founded in 1986, is a not-for-profit organization committed to developing in young adults the ability to "lead with integrity." In 2008, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation provided grants to 20 Theta collegians allowing them to participate in a unique six-day program at the Institute. They were given the opportunity to participate in self-discovery and practical learning experiences that build leadership concepts and abilities. Since 1990, Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation grants have allowed more than 500 Theta undergraduates to attend LeaderShape.

## Facility Conference

FCB members, facility management advisors, and college chapter facility managers attended a Facility Conference in February. Designed for those officers who help run an facility-corporation-board- or university-owned facility, the conference included new information and offered updates on many changes that have occurred. The conference also had tracks specifically for facility managers and facility or finance advisors in the facility roles.

## HOUSING

In 2007, Grand Council approved the formation of the Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC), a separate corporation, to hold title to or to rent real and/or personal property to be used for housing and/or meeting purposes of specific college chapters.



By the close of 2008, 20 college chapter facilities were under the FHC umbrella. Work in 2008 concentrated on a complete remodeling of the Eta Pi facility at Case Western Reserve and the Eta Rho facility at James Madison and on identifying, evaluating, and planning capital improvements for the Beta Nu facility at Florida State and the Gamma Mu facility at Maryland.

Creation of the FHC was motivated by situations in which an alternate structure to a chapter facility corporation is appropriate. Such situations could be, but are not limited to, no property needs of a chapter to justify the work and expense of incorporating locally or the lack of interested alumnae to serve on a local facility corporation board. Kappa Alpha Theta is not the first National Panhellenic Conference member group to form a national housing corporation; Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, and Delta Gamma also have such corporations.

## MEMBER SERVICES

Herff Jones is the official jeweler of the Fraternity, manufacturing all official and accessory jewelry. Royalties from this association during the last fiscal year were approximately \$150,000.

Bank of America manages the Fraternity's affinity charge card, while Coverdell continues to provide short-term health insurance to members. Royalties from these two programs were approximately \$42,000 last year.

Sorority Specialties is currently serving as Theta's third-party merchandise vendor. This company and more than 200 other licensed vendors brought in royalties of about \$28,000. These vendors are all members of Affinity Consultants, Inc., a legal firm which helps to enforce the licensing of all vendors who manufacture Theta merchandise, as well as collect royalties on Theta's behalf.

2007-08 ELCs





# on campus



## college chapters reveal what makes them special

### AT/Cincinnati

At a school of 36,500 students, where fraternity and sorority members make up only 4.2 percent of the total undergraduate population, Thetas are having the best year ever!

Alpha Taus welcomed 39 new women into the chapter this year, making it the largest new member class in many years and pushing house total over 100! The chapter was also awarded chapter of the quarter, based on its intensive philanthropy efforts and academics for spring 2008.

The most exciting event was in October when Alpha Taus welcomed a very special guest for the first time to the annual homecoming breakfast, fellow Theta sister and president of the University of Cincinnati, Dr. Nancy Lusk Zimpher, Alpha Gamma/Ohio State. Later that day, Alpha Tau member Sonya Mueller was crowned 2008 Homecoming Queen by Miss America and Dr. Zimpher.

Cincinnati is strong because of the determination, talent, and vigor of President Zimpher, and the Thetas at Cincinnati feel privileged and truly

Photo above: In the fall, Delta Iota members volunteered at the Curran Apple Orchard's yearly Cider Squeeze, helping families make their own cider at this neighborhood orchard.

blessed to have a sister guiding their university that shares their faith, hope, and love in her everyday actions and pursuits.

— Sonya Mueller

### AY/Washburn

The Alpha Upsilon Chapter at Washburn University has made enormous strides over the past year.

Closing the chapter facility, due primarily to decreased membership, was not an easy decision and took years to finalize. The chapter has been active on Washburn's campus since 1914, the first of the four active Greek women's organizations on campus. Kappa Alpha Theta was the first to have a chapter facility and the first to go without one.

Giving up a chapter facility is not the only thing that sets Alpha Upsilon apart from other chapters on campus, or other Theta chapters, for that matter. It will be beginning an officer structure pilot program specially designed for smaller chapters. The new structure includes six chief officers and three director positions, and the new cabinet will also more effectively use committees and chairs.

The chapter more than doubled its size during formal recruitment, initiating 16 new members.

Alpha Upsilon is extremely grateful to all of the alumnae, parents and

Washburn faculty who have been so supportive over the past years, especially this last one. Through their faith in the chapter and its members, the chapter has been able to persevere through difficult situations. The chapter has grown in size and sisterhood and strives for more promise in the coming years.

— Kristen Wold

### BΨ/McGill

On the season's first truly cold afternoon in November, the Beta Psi Chapter at McGill University in Montreal hosted its first signature philanthropy event with Charity Denim. For several years the Beta Psi Chapter struggled to find an event that could be successful enough to be an annual signature philanthropy event.

McGill is not known for its Greek life. In fact, it would be safe to say that the majority of students there do not even know about the Greek system. So the Beta Psi Chapter faces the challenge of promoting philanthropy events to a school community that is relatively unaware of Greek life.

When Beta Psi's executive team returned from District Leadership Conference, they came bearing news of 'Charity Denim'; a nonprofit organization that sells designer jeans at a discounted price to help organizations raise



money for charity. After meeting many women from schools who had successful projects with Charity Denim, the women of Beta Psi decided to try it out for their philanthropy event.

On Nov. 21, Charity Denim came to Montreal for the first time to partner with Beta Psi. The event had a very successful turnout of students eager to get a great deal and support a great cause. The members of Beta Psi had a wonderful time being sales associates, and at the end of the afternoon the chapter had raised more than \$700 for Ovarian Cancer Canada and the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

Beta Psi had an amazing experience starting a new tradition, and they wouldn't have been able to do this without the alumnae advisors and district team's support and encouragement.

— Julia Stephenson

## ΓΔ/Georgia

The Gamma Delta Chapter at the University of Georgia proudly raised close to \$25,000 for philanthropies this fall. Our efforts to not only host successful philanthropic events but to also represent Kappa Alpha Theta at fund-raisers held by organizations across campus makes us truly unique.

For the second year, we hosted Rock the Casa, a successful philanthropy event to raise money for CASA that has quickly become a chapter favorite. The chapter hosted three bands that played between the columns on the front porch, overlooking the groups of guests who gathered on the lawn. This event has encouraged the chapter to start planning for an even more successful CASA fund-raiser for the upcoming fall.

Our fund-raising efforts for HERO, a philanthropy for Georgia children whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS, garnered campus-wide recognition. Our chapter has participated in the event for the last four years, and this fall we successfully raised the most money on campus for the fourth year in a row. For our outstanding participation, the Gamma Delta Chapter was rewarded a dinner with football coach Mark Richt as well as the opportunity to be recognized on the field at the Georgia vs. Georgia Tech football game.

The chapter also participated in a variety of philanthropic events hosted by other sororities and fraternities, including Greek Grind and Miss Sorority Row.

The Gamma Delta Chapter has exhibited strong faith in the good that our organization can do for others and the simultaneous joy it can bring to all of its members.

— Lindsay Potter

## ΓΖ/Connecticut

The Gamma Zeta Chapter at the University of Connecticut had a very successful and exciting 2008. In the spring, we had our 5KAO walk/run in which we raised over \$1,800 for CASA. For the first time, the Coca-Cola Company sponsored the event, leading to a contract wherein they agreed to sponsor all our future events. Our 5KAO strengthened our relations with the sisters of the Eta Xi Chapter at Quinnipiac University. Twenty of their members participated in our event and several of our sisters drove down to attend their Kicks for CASA.

We had the highest-ever level of philanthropy participation this semester, and as a result, our chapter

received the Sorority Life Awards' Most Outstanding New Member Program and Most Outstanding External Relations.

Spirit Week taught us the ins and outs of formal recruitment, and a sister retreat sparked the energy and enthusiasm we would need for recruitment. On Oct. 18, we welcomed 37 new women into our chapter.

On Sept. 14, the chapter members hosted a plaque dedication ceremony in celebration of the life of our sister Carlee A. Wines. Carlee passed away after being hit by a drunk driver in January 2007. The ceremony took place by Swan Lake, where her plaque and tree are planted. Those in attendance were Carlee's Theta sisters, family, friends, and university administration.

Our last major task of the semester was preparing for our annual Kats and Bats. It was a huge success, and we raised more than \$2,000. In each event we attend or plan, the Gamma Zeta members give 100 percent. We were thrilled to have such an accomplished 2008, and we have with high hopes and ambitions for 2009.

— Mary Kate Dunster

## ΓΘ/Carnegie Mellon

Three of the 23 women in the autumn 2008 new member class of the Gamma Theta Chapter at Carnegie Mellon University are legacies. For these three women, Theta sisterhood is not only about the women they came to meet at college but the women in their families who went before them.

Not only did Margaret Gerhardt's



Dr. Nancy Lusk Zimpher, AT/Ohio State, president of the University of Cincinnati, crowned Sonya Mueller, AT/Cincinnati, homecoming queen.

AT

At a holiday celebration, members of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter received stockings filled by local alumnae with goodies to prepare them for finals.

AY



Members of the Beta Psi Chapter at McGill were gratified by the success of their Charity Denim fund-raiser.

BΨ



mother belong to Kappa Alpha Theta, but so did her grandmother and a number of her mother's aunts and cousins. Margaret even has memories of songs her mother sang to her when she was young which she has since learned were Theta songs with the words changed!

Maggie Soderholm went through formal recruitment this fall and immediately found herself most at home at Theta. Her grandmother, Phyllis Jons Lempert, was a Theta at Carnegie Mellon University, and participated in Maggie's initiation ceremony on Nov. 2. It was a special day for the two women, who were able to develop an even deeper connection.

Hannah Post's grandmother, Joyce Dart Davis, was a member of the Beta Pi Chapter at Michigan State. At family gatherings, Hannah's grandmother is eager to hear her stories of new friendships and Hannah loves to hear her grandmother recount her favorite Theta moments of living in the house and making deep friendships, one of which survives to this day.

Theta sisterhood can be as important to college women as it can be to women in their seventies. The bond can be as strong between women in the same new member class and women generations apart. The strong legacy ties in the Gamma Theta Chapter have strengthened our sisterhood within the chapter and our links to Thetas everywhere.

— Hannah Post

## ΓΤ/Tulsa

One thing that makes the Gamma Tau Chapter at the University of Tulsa special is our philanthropic event, Theta World Cup (TWC), an annual soccer tournament to raise money for

CASA. This year, around 400 people participated and we raised more than \$9,000. A lot of work and planning go into TWC, and although the 12 hours spent on the field are exhausting, it is always worth the effort. It's a lot of fun to watch the games, cheer on the teams, and meet the participants.

Service Chairman Abby Buchheit stated, "I love Theta World Cup! We have teams that return every year to try to win it, so it's fun to see them again and cheer them on."

Theta World Cup is also a day of bonding with sisters, providing the new members with a chance to work and spend time with the older members. It gives our chapter a chance to get to know one another better, meet new people, and enjoy a day of games and fun, all while supporting a good cause.

— Marisa Nelson

## ΓΨ/TCU

The Gamma Psi Chapter at Texas Christian University once again hosted the annual Tracy Clark Memorial 5K run/walk, raising more than \$20,000 for CASA. Tracy Clark, a TCU graduate and Theta alumnae, originally proposed the idea of a 5K to support CASA. Though she died in a car crash before a run was put together, her family supports the race in her memory, and it was consequently named the Tracy Clark Memorial Run.

Since Tracy's initial involvement in organizing the run, the fund-raiser has grown tremendously. This year 1,584

runners registered, surpassing the previous year by more than 300 participants. A check for more than \$20,000 was handed over to CASA by the race team after finalizing the profits of race fees and generous donations from students, alumnae, and corporate sponsors.

The Gamma Psi Chapter looks forward to holding the 5K run in Tracy's honor for many years to come.

— Andrea Drusch

## ΔΙ/Puget Sound

Delta Iota Chapter at University of Puget Sound has a wonderful community service program that is supported by our active and enthusiastic chapter members, who are committed to aiding the community by donating their time, both individually and collectively, to a variety of local charities.

Chapter members participated in the Tacoma Art Museum's annual fund-raising gala by volunteering to work as servers. They were gratified to learn that the event raised over \$120,000 to fund a youth involvement initiative.

The Delta Iota members also decorated stockings to be stuffed and sent to Iraq to bring holiday cheer to the troops. On campus, the chapter joined with Sigma Nu Fraternity to sponsor a blood drive.

This year's CASA fund-raiser consisted of a luncheon and raffle. The event brought together current members and local Theta alumnae for an evening of fun and raised \$1,500 for the philanthropy.



**EO** A tree and plaque in the front yard of the Epsilon Omicron facility honor a former chapter member.



**ΓΔ** Members of the Gamma Delta Chapter at Georgia are proud of their successful fund-raising and philanthropic efforts.



Individually, Delta Iota averaged 24 hours of service per members, with many members far exceeding this number. In recognition of our members' devotion to service, our house was awarded a Panhellenic Service Award in the spring of 2008. Delta Iota is proud of the hard work of its members and would like to congratulate them on their outstanding commitment to serving CASA and the larger community.

## ΔΦ/Clemson

While the Delta Phi Chapter at Clemson continues to distinguish itself through various service projects, philanthropic events, and achievement awards, a large portion of what makes this chapter special is the welcoming nature with which every new member is treated, creating a greater sense of sisterhood.

Although the majority of the women come to join Theta through the formal recruitment process—this year the number came to more than 50—there have been an increasing number of members who become sisters through the process of continuous open bidding (COB). It really makes all the difference when members go out of their way to make the new members feel included and to answer any questions that they might have along the way. This attribute sets the Delta Phi Chapter apart and helps to create happy, successful members as well as a more unified chapter.

—Bethany Richardson

## ΔΩ/Texas A&M

This past year has been an exciting time of growth for the Thetas of Texas A&M University. Thanks to gifts and

overwhelming alumnae support, the Delta Omega Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta is now enjoying the use of a generous expansion in their floor plan. A new wing has been added to the facility, including a spacious dining room, a commercial kitchen, and a utilities room.

The now "retired" dining room has been converted into a functional study room that doubles as comfortable living space. The women of Delta Omega extend greatest appreciation to those who made this beautiful renovation possible and welcome any Thetas in the area to stop by and enjoy the beautiful new facility! —Vanessa Ferreira

## EO/Randolph-Macon

Dale Lively Challoner was a 2001 graduate of Randolph-Macon College and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. She was a remarkable, inspiring woman, who led a courageous life battling cystic fibrosis. In March 2008, Dale passed away after her life-long fight with the illness.

When the members of Epsilon Omicron Chapter at Randolph-Macon heard about Dale's passing, they knew they wanted to do something to honor her. The chapter came together and planted a tree in the front yard of the chapter facility, including a plaque in memory of Dale.

Other chapters can honor Dale's memory by making contributions to the National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, P.O. Box 96305, Washington, DC 20090. For more information about cystic fibrosis and the foundation, visit the website at [www.cff.org](http://www.cff.org).

—Kaitlyn Allen

## ΕΨ/Richmond

The word "friend" is tossed around so loosely today. So often we hear the word "friend" used to describe someone who is a simple acquaintance or maybe even someone who isn't actually a dependable or trustworthy person, but is just too difficult to otherwise label. At The University of Richmond, the women of Kappa Alpha Theta's Epsilon Psi Chapter are not just "friends"; we are truly sisters. We go beyond the boundaries of friendship, and love each other unconditionally, as sisters would. For us, Theta is a family, and our sisterhood is a bond that brings us closer. Together, we create a relationship that is simply unparalleled.

One of the activities we do to welcome new members is karaoke, and every girl gets up and participates. We all get together, jump up and down, sing songs, and dance like fools. When the day is over, it's as though every person in the room has known each other for years.

We all feel incredibly lucky and honored to have found such an exceptional group of women with which we are so at ease and supported. Theta provides us with much more than new friends; it has allowed us to connect with the women who were always meant to be sisters. —Tory Udvarhelyi

## ZP/UC San Diego

The Zeta Rho Chapter at UC San Diego held their 10th annual signature philanthropic event, KATwalk, on Jan.



Hannah Post and her grandmother, Joyce Dart Davis, share a Theta bond.

Theta World Cup, an annual soccer tournament to raise money for CASA, is a signature philanthropy event for the Gamma Tau Chapter.



27. KATwalk is an event for which local boutiques donate clothing for UCSD students to model during a runway show.

The event was held in a huge ballroom on the UCSD campus and was adorned with decorations and lights. To add to the funds raised at KATwalk, the annual Walk Off occurred during the intermission, in which anyone who attended the show could pay five dollars to strut their stuff and groove down the runway. Additionally, a silent auction was held at the back of the ballroom.

The 10th annual KATwalk was a huge success. The Zeta Rho Chapter proudly sold out the auditorium, and raised more than \$4,000 in just one night.

## ΣΣ/Ohio Northern

Each year the Zeta Sigma Chapter at Ohio Northern hosts its annual Mr. ONU competition, a pageant in which contestants compete for the coveted title of "Mr. ONU," on behalf of CASA.

This year's event more than doubled the previous year's profits and the event room was literally full to capacity! Sisters stood along the walls to make room for avid fans and friends, as students from all over campus packed in to see the event. The theme reflected the current James Bond craze, and was entitled "From Theta with Love."

Judges for the event included the president of the Panhellenic Council at Ohio Northern, as well as presidents from each of the four sororities on campus. Pat Sylvester, the local CASA director, sat on the panel, as well as gave a brief presentation regarding CASA.

The Zeta Sigma chapter is celebrating its 15th year in existence, and has set a goal of \$15,000 in fund-raising efforts for CASA and the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. This event has helped to make a large dent in that goal, with the hope that the pageant continues as a success for years to come!

— Alison Leavitt

## HE/Quinnipiac

The Eta Xi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at Quinnipiac has made several strides since our installation in 2006. During the Fraternity's biennial Grand Convention in June 2008, the chapter received two awards, as well as the highest of honors in the Golden Kite Award. Our chapter has dedicated themselves to upholding those standards.

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Fall semester was a great one for the Eta Xi Chapter, who kicked off the school year by hosting a Charity Denim philanthropy event. We sold approximately 200 pair of jeans and raised \$1,500 for CASA! We are eagerly anticipating an outstanding turnout for our annual kickball tournament, Kicks for CASA.

Along with our philanthropy events, the chapter has been fulfilling its role in the Quinnipiac and surrounding communities through our attendance at several service events, including Strides Against Breast Cancer in Hartford, Conn., and the Walk to D'Feet ALS in New Haven, Conn.



**ΓΖ** The Gamma Zeta Chapter raised more than \$2,000 with their Kats and Bats fund-raiser.



**Φ** Colby Livingston, Φ/Pacific, sewed her old Theta T-shirt letters onto a Theta quilt. The project was more daunting than expected, but the result is something she can treasure for a lifetime.



**ΣΣ** Zeta Sigma Chapter members pose with "Mr. ONU" of their pageant fund-raiser on the Ohio Northern campus.



# HISTORY-MAKING THETA WORKS TO PRESERVE THE PAST

By Erin Kretzschmar Nash, AM/Missouri

## JEANIE NELSON TOOK HISTORIC STEPS AT VANDERBILT; NOW SHE HELPS SAFEGUARD HER TENNESSEE HOMELAND

In the spring of 1969, Jeanie Nelson graduated from Vanderbilt University. She was a member of the Alpha Eta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, and, as Theta sisters often do, Nelson and her friends formed a tight-knit bond, attending college events and participating in various activities together while living in the chapter facility.

Following commencement, Nelson found herself armed with an undergraduate degree in English and an opportunity to continue her adventures with four of her Theta sisters. They packed up to go to London, as two of them (including Nelson) had been selected to work for a year at a brokerage house in London. This opportunity had been extended to them by 1936 Vanderbilt alumnus Walter C. Wattles. (Wattles was the father of another Theta sister, Louise Wattles Moreland).

The brokerage house was the famous Lloyd's of London, and the first duo of girls to work there led to a tradition at Vanderbilt. The highly coveted post-graduation opportunity is now known as the Walter C. Wattles Fellowship and is available to the top three female students on campus each spring.

Wattles, in his 90s and currently living in Atlanta, has led the selection of the fellowship recipients each year. He continuously provides the "TLC" at both Vanderbilt and in England to keep the fellowship a one-of-a-kind opportunity for "Mr. Wattles' girls."

The program Wattles started 37 years ago gave Nelson (who had just served as president of the Alpha Eta Chapter) and Kathy Hesse Ambrose (a former chapter vice-president) the roles of business pioneers, as well as the opportunity to learn about the world of insurance in a business arena most usually occupied by the opposite gender.

"When I graduated from Vanderbilt that June, jobs for women were limited," Nelson explains. "The trust that Mr. Wattles put into the group of Thetas helped show we could pave the way as responsible young women."

Although their roles were to perform what today would be considered administrative tasks, the mere opportunity to live and travel overseas proved advantageous to the career paths and life paths of Nelson and her friends.

"It was a huge benefit to be in London and travel throughout England," Nelson says. "It was the best of both worlds—the work gave depth to our college educations, and the time spent together with my dearest friends from college made it even better. I have the most amazing memories of the time we spent at Lloyd's and experiencing London together."

During her time at Lloyd's, Nelson recalls the brokerage firm insuring

everything from jetliners to ballerinas' legs. "Johnny Unitas was a big-name football player then, and Lloyd's insured his arm," Nelson says. "They also insured events like big Hollywood parties from rain . . . not things that you might think of insuring, so that was an education in itself."

## HISTORY-MAKING EMPLOYMENT ABROAD TO PRESERVATION EFFORTS AT HOME

Upon completion of her year in London, Nelson didn't move directly into her current position with The Land Trust for Tennessee. In fact, it would be nearly 25 years before she would become co-founder of the non-profit Land Trust.

To start, Nelson decided to pursue a law degree from her alma mater in Nashville, which she completed in 1975. To follow, she went into private law practice for 13 years, followed by



"So much of Theta is about the intersection of tradition and values," says Jeanie Nelson, AH/Vanderbilt, "and the land trust movement reflects that."



four years as chief deputy attorney general for the state of Tennessee.

Throughout those years, her commitment to environmental preservation deepened, but she was always a volunteer leader with environmental groups, especially the Southern Environmental Law Center, a regional public-interest law organization.

From there, Nelson began her professional battles for Mother Earth when she was appointed to the Senate-confirmed position of general counsel for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Washington, DC.

Her law background, her environmental passion, and her public policy and public service experience came together to qualify her for this top EPA position. But just as importantly, she had had key exposure to the national political scene.

Nelson's political and public service experience began in 1988, when she served as the Tennessee campaign manager for Al Gore's 1988 presidential campaign, an opportunity that arose from her close friendship with Gore and his wife, Tipper.

Later, she served as the campaign manager for Tipper Gore in the 1992 Clinton/Gore presidential campaign, traveling on their famous "bus trip"; she served again in that role during Vice President Gore's run for the White House in 2000.

Nelson has known the Gores since they were all in their 20s; she shares a love of the environment with the couple, the environment of both their home state and the entire nation. These experiences and a true respect for the land of Tennessee brought Nelson to the next turn in her career path: the 1999 co-founding of The Land Trust for Tennessee with now-governor of Tennessee Phil Bredesen (who then served as mayor of Nashville).

The Land Trust works most often with private landowners, primarily through signed conservation agreements, to protect the "wide-open land spaces" of Tennessee, both historic and natural, along with streams, lakes, and other waterways throughout the state.

"When we first began The Land Trust, I had no real idea of the breadth and depth of the land trust movement in the US," Nelson admits. "As our work began and we started working with

more and more landowners and families, I began to realize the true need for us to help landowners make private decisions that help the public good."

Nelson and her Land Trust staff work with local groups of all sizes in collective efforts to preserve lands throughout the Volunteer State. They have preserved important lands from one-half acre in to 4,500 acres, for a total of more than 41,000 acres preserved.

"We feel so privileged to be a part of the land trust movement across this country, saving the critical lands for our communities for future generations," Nelson explains. "We are supported by a terrific umbrella organization, The Land Trust Alliance, on whose board I sit."

Nelson views many of the aspects regarding preservation of lands—historic and otherwise—in her home state as reflective of those ideals of Kappa Alpha Theta and the experiences she had during her year as a recent college graduate in London.

"Our efforts are very grassroots and tradition-related, much like those of the founders of our sisterhood," Nelson says. "So much of Theta is about the intersection of tradition and values, and the land trust movement reflects that as well."

Specifically, here are brief snapshots of some of the Trust's most recent success stories:

**GRUNDY COUNTY ON THE CUMBERLAND PLATEAU:** With its partner, The Conservation Fund, and assistance from The Friends of the South Cumberland Park, the Land Trust of Tennessee completed a 5,500-acre project protecting two of Tennessee's most famous recreation areas, Savage Gulf and Fiery Gizzard (the latter being one of the top 25 hikes in the United States).

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY:** Four landowners have conserved 256 acres of woodlands and farmland along South Beech Creek Road in Tennessee's northern Williamson County. South Beech Creek Road winds through the valley, flanked by a tunnel of trees and series of old stone walls. While it was once protected by inaccessibility, it now is safeguarded by a group of like-minded neighbors who banded together to maintain the woods and scenic hills that make the



## WHAT IS THE LAND TRUST FOR TENNESSEE?

Co-founded in 1999 by Jeanie Nelson and then-Nashville mayor Phil Bredesen (now Governor Bredesen), The Land Trust for Tennessee is a not-for-profit organization with a single mission: "To preserve the unique character of Tennessee's natural and historic landscapes and sites for future generations."

With a home office in Nashville and satellite offices in Chattanooga, Seawee, and Johnson City, the Trust's primary conservation tool is a legal contract between a landowner and the Land Trust called a voluntary conservation agreement.

Nelson, as president and executive director, and her 13-member staff work with landowners to construct these agreements and assure their permanence. Landowners forgo all or most of the development rights on their property while retaining all other ownership; they then can sell the land or give it to their children, but the restrictions that assure the conservation of the land remain.

The Trust will mark its tenth anniversary in 2009 and is one of approximately 1,300 other land trusts across the United States. To date, Nelson and her staff have protected 41,941 acres in Tennessee through 128 of their Trust projects. Yearly projects for The Trust have spiked over the past 10 years due in part to Tennessee landowners taking advantage of tax incentives that were scheduled to expire. As work continues, The Land Trust anticipates completing 30 projects this calendar year.

To learn more about the Land Trust of Tennessee, visit the website: [www.landtrusttn.org](http://www.landtrusttn.org).



valley so unique. That preserved valley was added to 30-plus projects closed in that county alone, protecting historic Civil War sites, parks, rivers, the Natchez Trace Parkway, and town gateways.

**PERRY COUNTY:** The Land Trust for Tennessee has focused over the last several years on protecting lands along the state's Duck River and its tributaries. In 2007, the Trust started working with landowners along the Buffalo River, the largest tributary to the Duck River. Along with three families, Nelson and the Trust have protected more than 800 acres of land along the Buffalo River in Perry County, totaling more than two miles of frontage along the Buffalo River. This permanently conserves scenic views, rich soils, and open farmland to be enjoyed by Tennesseans for many generations to come.

**GREENE COUNTY:** Greene County is the sixth largest county in Tennessee in terms of overall area, and—despite its steep topography—it contains some amazingly rich farmland along its river and creek bottoms. Unfortunately, such farmland is often the most vulnerable to new economic development. Working with local partner the Appalachian RC&D Council, the Trust jump-started a joint effort to protect the vast agricultural resources of the region via the Philip Fortune conservation agreement. This agreement also helps protect two federally endangered aquatic species (the Chucky Madtom and the Cumberland Bean mussel) and the overall water quality of Little Chucky Creek.

Following these Land Trust triumphs, Nelson and her team plan to continue their conservation efforts for years to come.

"Personally, I want this institution to grow and deepen," Nelson says. "Its success is central to the quality of life of future generations in our state. I enjoy serving with people on this staff and across the country who are involved in land conservation. Every day provides a new way to help and serve. It's an endless adventure, and my past experiences, including those from Lloyd's of London, help me every day."

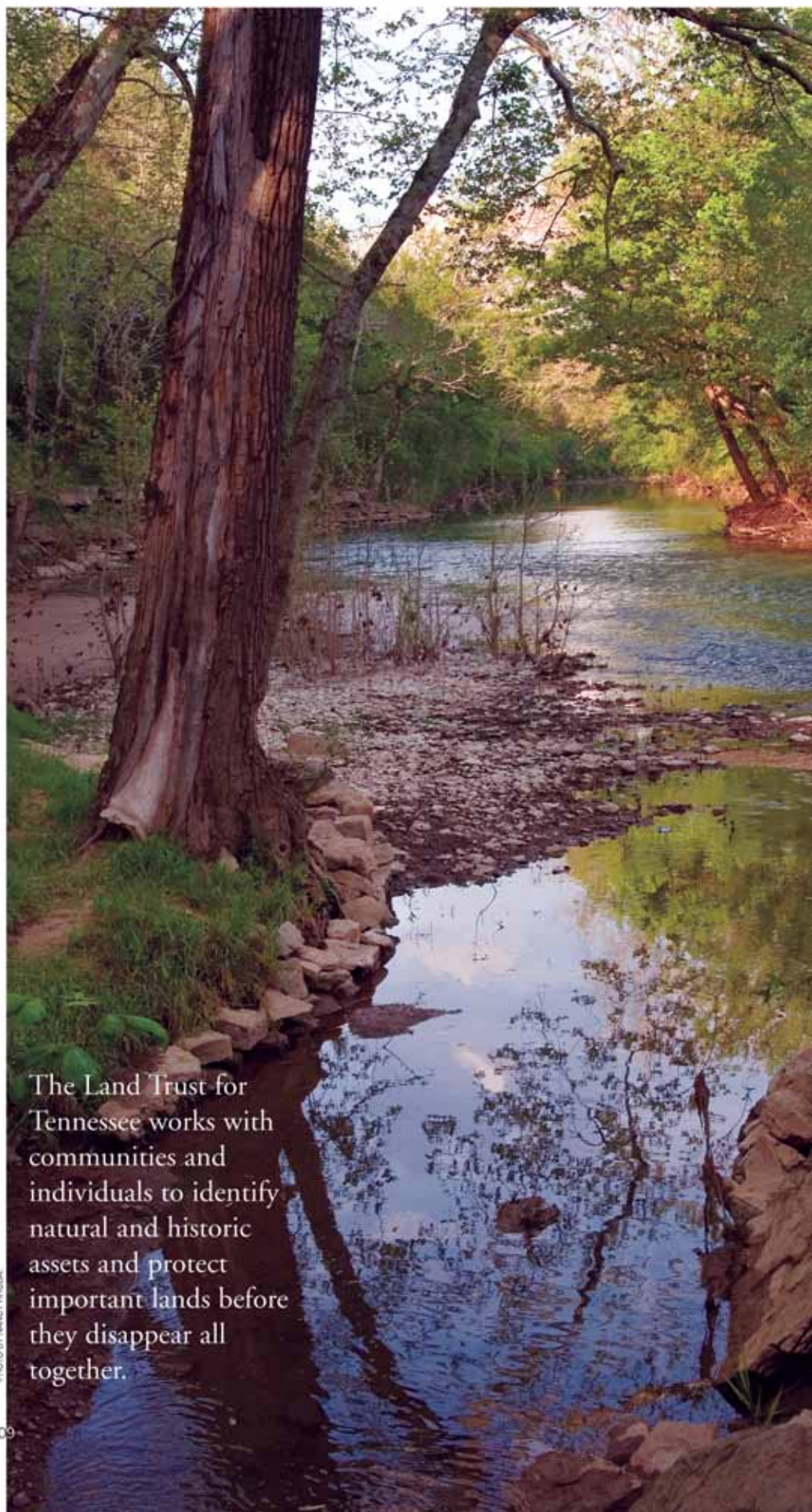


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The Land Trust for Tennessee works with communities and individuals to identify natural and historic assets and protect important lands before they disappear all together.



## ARIZONA TUCSON

The Tucson Alumnae Chapter is special because of events that are consistently attended and anticipated by members. From our monthly lunch bunch and bridge group to our Founders Day luncheon, our calendar is filled with tried-and-true events that provide a little something for everyone.

Our first event is our Kats and Kittens Dessert to welcome the newest members of the Beta Delta Chapter at University of Arizona. It is a wonderful time to meet the collegians, learn about their plans and share the lifetime advantages of Theta.

Our holiday brunch and ornament exchange is time spent with friends, discussing upcoming events and enjoying a little friendly swapping of ornaments. We also collect store gift cards for our local CASA. This year we raised more than \$100 for CASA to purchase items as needed in support of the children.

We end our Theta year of events in April with our annual Patio Party for members and spouses. This year, at the request of some spouses, we are planning to add barbecue to the menu! Overall it is a wonderful way to relax and close our busy Theta year.

— Kristin Reppenhagen Jiroudek,  
EO/Randolph-Macon

## CALIFORNIA ORANGE COUNTY

The Orange County Alumnae Chapter is a group of dynamic women who enjoy getting together not only for socials, but also for local philanthropies, as well as support of the Eta Sigma Chapter at Chapman. We are committed to having at least one event each month. We recently participated in the Race for the Cure, Project Playhouse, and a holiday children's book drive for CASA. Our annual Founders Day celebration is shared with all the alumnae and college chapters throughout Orange County. We also find time to have socials together as we re-connect Thetas old and new. There are always friendships anew, and Theta for a lifetime!

Cathie Waters Cardelucci, BE/UCLA

## SAN DIEGO

While I sincerely think all Theta

alumnae in San Diego are outstanding, there are a few women I must highlight. Without these ladies, our chapter would not be at the prestigious Golden Kite level. Before I introduce you to these super sisters, I must issue the disclaimer that any outstanding Theta not mentioned is no less outstanding!

Erin Hudson Curtis, Beta/Indiana, serves as programming chairman and recently agreed to take on finances when our previous officer had to step down due to circumstances beyond her control. Erin is a pinch-hitter extraordinaire and a calming presence when the going gets tough.

Amanda Anthony Carson and Stephanie A. Hall, both Zeta Theta/Cal Poly State, come from the same new member class and bring valuable qualities to our chapter. Amanda is extreme-

ly creative and always receptive. She has served our chapter in many areas, and we would be lost without her.

Stephanie has a tireless work ethic. Calling her a task-master isn't quite right; I prefer task-attacker! She is our very own Energizer bunny!

Charlotte Curtis Eastland, Beta Kappa/Drake, and M. Kathy Sell Bafetti, Delta Iota/Puget Sound, frequently arrive together at Theta functions (because Kathy drives and Charlotte rides) and each provides her own special recipe of wit and wisdom.

Yvonne Wickstrom Larsen, Gamma Sigma/San Diego State, and Tommi Lane Adelizzi, Omicron/USC, are superb examples of how Theta can lay the groundwork for a lifetime of service. Yvonne was recently named Mrs. San Diego by the Downtown Rotary

# Alumnae Album

ALUMNAE CHAPTERS HIGHLIGHT THEIR SUCCESSFUL  
MEMBERS, PROGRAMS, AND FUND-RAISERS.

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**South Orange County** Members of the South Orange County Alumnae Chapter cut and tied blankets to be given to children in the CASA program. (Front row) Julie Bellotti, BIT/Michigan State; Nancy Thompson, TX/Fresno State; Connie Martin, TP/UCSB; Chris Covington, BΔ/Arizona; (back row) Donna Magwood, T/Northwestern; Betty Schneider, AΨ/Lawrence; Corinne Akahoshi, M/Allegheny; Joyce Dinnage, BΦ/Penn State; and Pat Gates, Δ/Illinois.





**Tucson** At their annual Kats and Kittens event, members of the Tucson Alumnae Chapter welcome the newest members of the Beta Delta Chapter at Arizona to Theta.



**Denver** Shera Hess Eddy, BK/Drake, with hostess Susan Weersing Secrest, ΓY/Miami, were happy to launch the celebration of the Denver Chapter's 100-year anniversary in Susan's 100 year-old home.



**Mid Cities** Three generations of Thetas from Mid-Cities, Texas: 50-year Theta Julia Manning Murchison, Γ/Butler; her granddaughter, Emilie Baxter, ΓΦ/Texas Tech; and her daughter Leslie Murchison Baxter, AX/Purdue.



**Richmond** Richmond Thetas enjoyed a holiday get-together at an historic hotel.

Club. Tommi has graciously and repeatedly hosted Founders Day. Both Tommi and Yvonne are past presidents of the Junior League of San Diego and past chairmen of the Charity Ball. They're an inspiration to us.

There are many more amazing alumnae about whom I could write volumes. I'm blessed to call them my sisters and friends.

*Christiane J. Hoffman, ZΩ/Loyola Marymount*

#### **SAN JOSE/SOUTH BAY**

The San Jose/South Bay Alumnae Chapter had a fantastic year in 2008. Most recently, we held an annual holiday party and collected gift cards for CASA and celebrated Saint Patrick's Day with an Irish coffee party. We look forward to a spring BBQ in May. Check out the chapter's website at

<http://southbaythetas.homestead.com>.

*Chelsea Zea, HL/~*

#### **SAN MATEO COUNTY**

San Mateo alumnae gathered in early December 2008 for a lively holiday party at the beautiful home of Joni Brockway, Gamma Xi/San Jose State. It was a great way to kick-off the holiday season.

Throughout 2008, we focused on raising money for San Mateo County CASA. The chapter is proud to announce that a check for \$968 was sent as a result of a pricing project for a local fund-raiser called Dickens House. In addition, \$415 in cash and gift cards were donated by attendees of the holiday party. This money and the gift cards were delivered to Child Advocates and used by CASA volunteers for Christmas gifts for the CASA children. The annual Sally Foster gift wrap program raised \$763, and the San Mateo bridge group donated \$150 to the CASA program.

All of the San Mateo Thetas are thrilled about the results of the 2008 fund-raising efforts, and look forward to another wonderful year of activities and sisterhood.

*Julie McHenry, AM/Missouri*

#### **COLORADO**

##### **DENVER**

The Denver Alumnae Chapter, soon to celebrate 100 years, has been

the recipient of plenty of awards at Convention, but the current resources are highly cultivated by a persistent and patient leader, Shera Hess Eddy, Beta Kappa/Drake.

"Shera is tenacious and compassionate," said Scottie Iverson, Alpha Tau/Cincinnati. "She calls and calls and calls to include new alumnae and fill every position on the board and various committees." Not only does she fill the positions but she also communicates frequently by phone, e-mail and snail mail.

Two defining endeavors of Shera's term were membership retention and community outreach. The chapter held a telethon to touch base with more than 2,000 alums in the Denver area and the response was positive. Further communication included holiday greetings to all new members and reminders about the 100th year to be commemorated at Founders Day.

Community outreach programs included gathering items and stuffing hygiene bags for Denver Rescue Mission, and the cleanup, painting, and garden planting of the home for Roundup Fellowship, a center for the developmentally disabled. A running group participated in Race for the Cure, raising more than \$1,200 in a short span of time.

*Scottie Taylor Iverson, AT/Cincinnati*

#### **FLORIDA**

##### **CLEARWATER**

We started our year enjoying a delicious brunch, where we also turned in our orders for our annual pecan and cookbook sales fund-raiser, selling 485 pounds and 13 cookbooks. Alice Guinand Kourchenko, Beta Nu/Florida State, gave an enthusiastic report of the Convention proceedings. Mary-Ann Larson Janssen, Gamma Lambda/Beloit, and I attended the final day of Convention for the stirring parade of flags and the final banquet. It is so inspiring that anyone who has an opportunity should go.

In December we had a Kite & Key luncheon with the Kappas, an annual event now. In January, we joined the Tampa Alumnae Chapter at a Founders Day celebration hosted by the St. Petersburg Chapter. February included a brunch & business meeting, March brought our Sunday sup-



per social, and April, our annual beach potluck picnic. We are active in the Clearwater Alumnae Panhellenic and support their fund-raiser in March, a musical stage show evening performance with sorority baskets auction.

*Lynn Crowell Lawton, M/Allegheny*

#### ST. PETERSBURG

All of the St. Petersburg Alumnae Chapter members were beaming with pride when we read in the *St. Petersburg Times* that our own past president, Sharon Sutton Miller, Gamma Upsilon/Miami, had placed first in her age group in the Madeira Beach Mad Dog Triathlon. She is quick to say, "Ask me how many were in her age group!" Why were we beaming so much? Sharon is 75 years young and an inspiration to all of us who have worked with her in our chapter.

The half-mile swim, 15-mile bike ride, and 3.1-mile run is one of the most popular spring triathlons on Florida's west coast and only one of many triathlons in which Sharon has participated over the years. She stays in shape by bicycling and by swimming almost daily in her community pool.

Sharon recently participated in another triathlon, the Loggerhead Triathlon, with her daughter, Yvonne Brendel. Mother and daughter made a formidable showing and how proud they were of each other to have swum 3/8 of a mile in the Atlantic Ocean, biked 13 miles, and run/walked 3 miles.

*Saranan McCune Lauck, BN/Florida State*

#### GEORGIA

##### ATLANTA

How can you guarantee great attendance at a college chapter meeting? Partner with your local alumnae chapter and serve a Thanksgiving dinner! This is just what the women of the Delta Zeta Chapter at Emory did with the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter members.

Atlanta Chapter members prepared the dinner, set it up a buffet in the lodge kitchen, and waited for the doors coming up from the chapter room to burst open. It was not unlike an updraft from a tornado! Once the queue was formed, more than 65 dinners were served in 20 minutes, and the line re-formed for second helpings. The most common comment was, "Thank you so much for doing this for



**Orange County** Orange County Thetas enjoy getting together, no matter what the purpose.



**San Jose** (Front row) Katy Casey, EΛ/-; Jan Godbout Eurich, ΓΣ/San Diego State; Courtney Hope and Toren Bentson, both ΖΘ/Cal Polytechnic State; Mary Kate Rourke Franci, ΑΓ/Ohio State; (back row) Rita Rudy McCarty, ΓΛ/Beloit; Dana Hemenez Bruning, and Erin Addison, both ΖΘ/Cal Polytechnic State; Nancy Castellanos Miller, Λ/Vermont; and Stephanie Volle Whisnant, ΓΨ/TCU, enjoyed the San Jose/South Bay Alumnae Chapter holiday party.



**Chicago North Shore** Members Elizabeth Behrmann and Kim Grant, both ΕΝ/Lake Forest; Neva Murphy, Κ/Kansas; Mary Mausser, ΒΟ/Iowa; and Betsy Hoza Harootyan, ΓΥ/Miami, celebrated the holidays.





**Westchester** Three members of Westchester's festival of grapes steering committee: Lisa Olney, ΔE/Arizona State; Sue Wahrhaftig, BΓI/Michigan State; and Tamara Loomis EK/Dartmouth.



**Waco** Amy Mann, A/DePauw, was a beloved member of the Waco Alumnae Chapter.



**Dallas** Jan Polk Harbour, AΘ/Texas; Toni Alles, A/DePauw; Dinah Hampton McClymonds, IT/Rollins, Foundation trustee; and Susie Frey Woodall, BΣ/SMU, enjoy the Dallas Chapter's seventh annual Festival of Trees.



**Washington DC/Suburban Maryland** Members are always looking for new activities.

us." "It means so much to have a home-cooked dinner, all together, in our lodge." There truly was thanks and giving ... and sharing and much love.

This dinner tradition began at Thanksgiving 2007, followed by a spring semester taco salad dinner. Attendance has increased with each chapter dinner, and the relationships between the collegians and alumnae continue to flourish.

This newly formed and much loved tradition will continue in the spring of 2009 when the Atlanta Alumnae members will once again create a spring fling dinner for the women of Delta Zeta Chapter.

*Leslie Fight, A/DePauw*

## ILLINOIS

### CHICAGO NORTH SHORE

What an exciting year it has been. With several new, creative events and fund-raising activities taking place, members worked together to broaden our membership base and bring us closer together. Check out highlights on our website, [www.geocities.com/chicagonorthshorethetas](http://www.geocities.com/chicagonorthshorethetas).

In October, CNS Thetas volunteered to assist CASA in their second Cocktails for CASA fund-raiser. CASA raised over \$80,000, and though we merely helped along with many other sponsors and volunteers, our special philanthropy enjoyed a huge success.

An ongoing fund-raiser for us in the spring, fall, and winter is Shop 'n' Share. The coupon program is sponsored by Jewel Food Stores, which offers 10 percent of all storewide purchases to our CNS Chapter's philanthropies. Even the Chicago CASA office jumped on the bandwagon to help us promote our downloadable shopping coupons.

We're pleased to announce our newest fund-raising partner, Katherine Anne Confections. Katherine Anne was chosen for her scrumptious hand-made chocolate truffles and caramel collections, and she will donate 15 percent of sales throughout the year to our CNS Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Chapter to benefit the Foundation and our select charities.

On the event front, we kicked off the holiday season with an evening of shopping, fun, wine, and cheese at a boutique. November gave us the opportunity to buff our hors d'oeuvres-making skills at a hands-on lesson in Spanish tapas preparation sponsored for member by The Northbrook Whole Foods. Always a special occasion, our annual Holiday Party found Thetas gathered in good cheer to toast the year in friendship, food, drink, fun, and play our traditional gift exchange game.

*Nancy Koberstein, BK/Drake, and Susan L. Smith, AO/Oklahoma*

## IOWA

### IOWA CITY

The Iowa City Alumnae Chapter is "re-establishing"! After a period of limited activity, the group is ready to be bigger and better than ever!

We have decided to do some innovative things to broaden the chapter base. Due to geography, and the natural "corridor" that exists between Iowa City and the Cedar Rapids metro area, we have decided to incorporate the Cedar Rapids area into the chapter. Because travel between the areas can be time-consuming, we'll do our best to rotate locations for meetings/events to make sure we don't miss anyone. Also, because of that, we thought it best to have two presidents, one to manage the Iowa City Area, one to manage the Cedar Rapids area.

If you live in the Iowa City/Cedar Rapids area, there has never been a time like now to get reconnected with Theta! Contact either Jane Seiffert Rowat, Beta Omicron/Iowa, ([jane-rowat@uiowa.edu](mailto:jane-rowat@uiowa.edu)) or Nikki Selander Heyd, Alpha Pi/North Dakota, ([nrheyd@rockwellcollins.com](mailto:nrheyd@rockwellcollins.com)).

## KANSAS

### TOPEKA

The Topeka Alumnae Chapter has the distinction of being the Fraternity's first alumnae chapter. A group of Topeka Thetas, some of them notable in Fraternity history, first met on January 15, 1889, before the Fraternity had official alumnae chapters. It was subsequently chartered as Pi Chapter (before alumnae chapters were designated with city names) on January 2, 1909. From



those earliest days, members of the Topeka Alumnae Chapter worked diligently to have a local Washburn sorority, Delta Sigma Psi, chartered as a Theta chapter. Their efforts were rewarded when Alpha Upsilon received its charter on May 8, 1914.

For 100 years, the Topeka Alumnae Chapter has provided extraordinary support to Delta Sigma Psi and Alpha Upsilon. Topeka alumnae have helped Alpha Upsilon thrive despite unusually difficult circumstances that might have discouraged less dedicated alumnae and could have led to the chapter's downfall.

On June 8, 1966, the Alpha Upsilon Chapter facility was destroyed by a tornado. Topeka Alumnae Chapter members dug through the ruins of the chapter house, retrieving many items important to the history and the tradition of Alpha Upsilon. For four years, Topeka alumnae hosted chapter dinners, initiations, and other events in their homes. They also led the drive to re-build the chapter house in a new location across from the campus. The new house opened in 1970.

During the past year, the facility corporation board made the difficult decision to sell the chapter house because of changing circumstances on the Washburn Campus and the nature of the student population. Thus Alpha Upsilon became the only sorority on campus without a house. However, the Topeka alumnae rallied to aid the collegians, providing loving support and encouragement that helped Alpha Upsilon far outpace the other sororities in last fall's recruitment. Once again, the Topeka alumnae have begun hosting Monday night dinners in their homes and helping the collegians make the transition to their new living situation.

Of all the things the Topeka Alumnae Chapter does for the members of Alpha Upsilon, none is more important than serving as role models who demonstrate the genuine meaning of Theta for a lifetime.

*Jenifer Lucas, A Y/Washburn*

## MICHIGAN

### GROSSE POINTE/DETROIT

The Grosse Pointe/Detroit Alumnae Chapter is a diverse group that never fails to gather every fall to kick off a



**Birmingham** The Birmingham Chapter held a reception honoring Fraternity president Katie Busby, PhD, EZ/Mississippi (second from right).



**New York City** Members of New York City's chapter are excited to participate in a full calendar of activities.



**Cleveland** In addition to alumnae, several collegians from the Eta Pi Chapter at Case Western Reserve University joined a meeting of the Cleveland Alumnae Chapter.



year of activities with the traditional September salad supper. As plans were made for the year's gatherings (a new venture will be a girls day/night out at a local spa), Thetas connected with new alumnae and reconnected with old friends. Our group is in Michigan, but has ties to chapters in Iowa, Idaho, and Indiana, besides nearby Michigan State and University of Michigan.

Other gatherings scheduled for the year included a Christmas open house with spouses, with a collection of mittens, gloves and scarves for Headstart; a Founders Day luncheon; and the March spa break.

*Cathy Collison, GTI/Iowa State*

## MISSISSIPPI BIRMINGHAM

Katie Busby, PhD, Epsilon Zeta/Mississippi, was elected Fraternity president at the 2008 Grand Convention. She is director of Student Affairs Assessment and Planning at the University of Alabama and a member of the Birmingham Alumnae Chapter.

She has held numerous Kappa Alpha Theta chapter advisory and district and international offices since college, including Fraternity vice-president membership and, most recently, Fraternity vice-president education. Katie will serve a two-year term as Fraternity president and will preside over the 2010 Grand Convention proceedings to be held in Tucson, Ariz.

The Birmingham Alumnae Chapter hosted a reception honoring Katie in August.

*Kathy Campbell Bowers, ΔO/Alabama*

## NEW MEXICO ALBUQUERQUE

The Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter's programs really shine! Each year we have several programs that are unique—wine tastings, book-sharing events, garage sales, etc—but every year we also have recurring events that each member looks forward to as the date nears.

Our newest recurring event is Pansies and Pies, and we've been hosting it since 1987. The concept is to gather the chapter together for a fun social event and sell pansies to the chapter members with profits going to the college chapters (Beta Iota/Colorado, Beta Omega/Colorado College, and Beta Gamma/Colorado State) we support in

hopes of sending an additional collegian to Grand Convention. The event draws chapter members of all ages, and wonderful pies of all kinds are enjoyed by everyone!

Our oldest recurring program has been going on so long we're not exactly sure when it began ... perhaps the early '70s. Each year as the holiday season nears, we sell poinsettias to benefit the Foundation, our local CASA chapter, and some local philanthropies.

The Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter is very grateful for the history of these programs and the fun opportunities to bring us all together. We certainly think our chapter is special, and we're grateful for the members who have contributed to make it what it is today. Special thanks to Lila Milligan Boyden, Gamma Omicron/New Mexico, who invented or led our most popular events and has moved to Spokane.

*Hillary Toll Biskner, BO/Iowa*

## NEW YORK NEW YORK CITY

The New York City Alumnae Chapter is back in full swing, with a full calendar of activities. Hosting happy hours, sisterhood events, and orchestrating a membership drive to bring young and old Thetas back to the chapter is just a bit of what NYC is up to! We are proud to announce the launch of our new website, [www.nyc-theta.org](http://www.nyc-theta.org)! Our winter membership drive resulted in 10 new dues-paying members during just the first two weeks of December!

A very successful holiday cookie exchange looks to be a sure signature event. We also are happy to launch Kats and Dogs, a Theta meet-up group for dog-lovers looking to have fun doggy play dates. This is not, however, to be confused with the recently created Kats and Kittens, a mommy-and-me playgroup!

We are excited to support the collegians of Epsilon Upsilon/Columbia, to celebrate Founders Day, dinner-and-a-movie nights, and the regular monthly happy hour. As our chapter continues to grow, we would love to hear from alumnae in the city. Contact information, event details, membership forms, and photos of our recent events can be

found at [www.nyc-theta.org](http://www.nyc-theta.org).

*Kristen Mercado, AE/Brown*

## WESTCHESTER

Golfers and sisters and elves, oh my! Service and sisterhood were the calling cards of the Westchester Alumnae Chapter for the 2008 fall and winter season. Leading the way was the chapter's Festival of Grapes, a wine-tasting and silent auction to benefit local domestic violence shelter My Sister's Place and the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

The evening consisted of a wine tasting and a silent auction with items ranging from ESPN sports baskets to private wine-tasting parties. As a result, we raised \$3,485 for the evening's two beneficiaries.

Chapter members also volunteered with the Barclays, an August PGA Tour event and Support Connection, a local breast and ovarian cancer organization. With December came the chapter's annual holiday brunch and toy drive to benefit the Abbott House, a residential treatment facility for boys who have been displaced due to poverty, homelessness or abuse. Kicking off the New Year, we welcomed the Foundation's executive director, along with members of the Eta Xi Chapter at Quinnipiac, to a Founders Day celebration.

To learn more about the Westchester Alumnae Chapter, visit [www.westchester-theta.org](http://www.westchester-theta.org) or inCircle, Kappa Alpha Theta's online community.

*Lisa Davis Olney, ΔE/Arizona State*

## OHIO CLEVELAND

The Cleveland Alumnae Chapter's second "not-so-silent auction" this spring was held to benefit the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism. A similar event was held last spring, and allowed the Cleveland Alumnae Chapter to donate more than \$1,500 to that organization.

Held in a Theta alumna's historic home, this fun-filled fund-raiser was combined with a social evening for husbands and invited guests. A catered meal of delicious hearty appetizers was followed by raucous bidding on items donated by chapter members (including original watercolor paintings, humorous lawn ornaments, computer-generated photo books and other imaginative services by Theta alumnae).



One of our Theta sisters, Sophia Weidner Augier, Beta Pi/Michigan State, who was featured on *ABC Primetime* with Elizabeth Vargas and in *The Magazine*, has three children who have autism and attend the Lerner School at the Center. She has drawn attention to the extremely high cost to parents for the specialized training for children with this disorder, a true hardship in these times of financial insecurity.

Sophia's Theta sisters are listening and responding!

*Roslyn Seabury Collins, ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan*

#### COLUMBUS

The Columbus Alumnae Chapter has been keeping busy with a variety of events. We kicked off the season in early October with our annual fall potluck, which this year was hosted by the Alpha Gamma Chapter at Ohio State. Our collegian sisters provided the main dish, while the alumnae brought a variety of salads and desserts to share with the group. It was a great event, attended by both young and "young at heart" Thetas alike!

In November, we got crafty with a "pour your own candle" party. We had a great turn out for this fun (and fragrant!) outing, and we definitely plan to visit again with our Theta sisters.

December saw our annual poinsettia fund-raiser to raise money for CASA and the Foundation and our holiday ornament exchange & dinner where each alumna brought a cute ornament to trade within the group. It was great to spend a relaxing evening with sisters amongst all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season.

Spring brings Founders Day and senior send off with our local collegiate chapters. We always welcome new faces, so we hope to see you if you are in the area!

*Kari Gustafson, ΑΠ/North Dakota*

#### PENNSYLVANIA

##### PHILADELPHIA AREA

Members of the Philadelphia Area Alumnae Chapter pride ourselves on having many different types of programs each year so that all of our members have an opportunity to get involved and meet other Thetas with the same interests. The area groups continue to meet for lunches and the Night Kites have had several happy hour and dinner events. The Kats and



**Chattanooga** Chattanooga Thetas gathered in August for a "brownie bake," assembling care packages of brownies, cookies, and other treats for collegians from the Chattanooga Area attending schools across the country.



**Williamsburg** The annual senior luncheon hosted by alumnae and held at the Beta Lambda facility is a favorite event for the Williamsburg Alumnae Chapter.



**Dayton** The Dayton Alumnae Chapter lunch bunch met in December for a holiday get-together.



Kittens group has also been extremely busy with play dates. And this year we added a new event with the Delaware Alumnae Chapter at the Chadds Ford Winery. This was a big success, and we hope to continue having get-togethers with our Delaware sisters! As always, our annual holiday ornament exchange was a wonderful time.

*Katie Casaletto Beyer, EA/Dickinson*

## TENNESSEE CHATTANOOGA

The Chattanooga Area Alumnae Chapter is one of the newest alumnae chapters, having been chartered in January 2008. Our first-ever event, Founders Day 2008, included more than 40 attendees representing more than 30 different college chapters. We used the opportunity to get to know one another, renew old friendships, and delight in friends that we never knew were Thetas!

The excitement of Founders Day helped launch a very successful membership drive, in which more than one-third of Thetas in our area joined the chapter! This far exceeds the national average of nine percent.

Programming this year kicked off with a seminar on how to "Wow Your Guests," led by chapter member and caterer Jeanne Brice, Alpha Sigma/Washington State. Later in the year, our chapter gathered for a wine tasting/pairing event led by a local expert. In August we baked goodies and created care packages for local collegians returning to their own campuses for recruitment.

Members assembled in April to participate in the local MS Walk, in honor of a local member; in addition a garage sale was held in the spring to raise money for the Theta Foundation. Finally, a recruitment reference board was established in late 2008.

The success of the Chattanooga Area Alumnae chapter has far exceeded what anyone thought it could be. We look forward to having new members join us in 2009 as we continue to grow!

*Tiffany Patterson Holland, ΓΨ/TCU*

## TEXAS AUSTIN

The Austin Alumnae Chapter had a fabulous 2008, with increased membership, record dues paid, and

increased participation in our events. We are sorry to say goodbye to Allison West Campion, Gamma Iota/Kentucky, who moved to New York in December. We are pleased to announce that Christine Odom Browning, Alpha Phi/Tulane, and her husband, Sims, welcomed a baby girl, Mary Haden, into the world in December. 2009 is a year of transition as I, who has been president for the past two years, pass the baton to Alice "Cis" Aylesworth Myers, Chi/Syracuse. I've loved my two years as president and know that Cis will be a wonderful leader for this fantastic group!

*Liz Handlin, EΦ/Chicago*

## DALLAS

The Dallas Alumnae Chapter held its seventh annual Festival of Trees luncheon, chaired by Mary Claire Kowalski Dahlstrom, GammaPhi/Texas Tech and Carol Ann Fehr Davis, Rho/Nebraska, in November. This year's event was an enormous success! More than 40 beautifully decorated trees were admired, and many were auctioned by either live or silent auction to raise money for Dallas Theta Foundation Scholarships and Dallas CASA.

We also hosted the annual holiday tea on a lovely December day. It was attended by a record number of Thetas and their mothers, daughters, and sisters. It was truly a festive day enjoyed by all!

*Libby Becker French, ΔN/Arkansas*

## HOUSTON

The Houston Alumnae Chapter has been producing the Theta Charity Antiques Show for 56 years. In 2008 our Antiques Show ran right into Hurricane Ike. And we were forced to cancel. Undaunted, Nancy Craig, the show chairman, and the Antique Show committee remained committed to funding the charities chosen to benefit from the 2008 show. The underwriters, advertisers, dealers, and our own membership stood firmly behind the committee in this commitment.

Although our city and this area of the Texas Gulf Coast were badly wounded by Ike, we are recovering. In our recovery we are also planning to move forward with the 2009 Antiques Show which will be held November 19 through November 22. We are leaving

hurricane season behind and staging our show right before the holidays. There is tremendous enthusiasm and excitement as Cooky Maddox Mays, Alpha Theta/Texas, our 2009 Show chairman, begins her plans for The Age of Elegance.

Our Alumnae Chapter has another new holiday tradition. We have for the past three years put on holiday dinners at Bo's Place, a bereavement center that offers ongoing, free-of-charge grief support services to children, ages 3 to 18, and their families.

Bo's Place is named in memory of Laurence Bosworth Neuhaus, Jr., who died of liver cancer in 1985. Started by his parents, Bo's Place provides family grief support, community education, training services, grief support information, and a referral line. Making this wonderful place even closer to our hearts is the fact that Bo's mother, Lindy Neuhaus, is a member of Alpha Theta at Texas. Our Theta connections keep us close and make us strong.

*Patsy Ford Holmes, AH/Vanderbilt*

## MID-CITIES

They chat. They gossip. They laugh. They visit. Surely these women have known each other since high school?

Nope. Most members of the Mid-Cities Alumnae Chapter are transplants to this 'burb. Recently, a new member attended her first meeting and asked, "How long have you known each other?" She assumed, from observing their easy friendship, they'd known each other for decades.

Despite their varied backgrounds of different states, different colleges, different ages, and different professions, members of the Mid-Cities Alumnae Chapter appear to be friends of long-standing. They've brought casseroles to the cancer patient and consoled through a divorce or two. They've served on each other's school committees, and they've shared some fine wine.

So they didn't go to high school together ... they're making up now for lost time.

*Joy Donovan Brandon, AO/Oklahoma*

## WACO

It was standing room only at St. Alban's Episcopal Church. Folding chairs were set out to accommodate the overflow for latecomers, of which I was one. I got a bit frustrated at myself



for being late as well as having to sit in a place where I couldn't see a thing. All I could do was drop my head and listen closely. Then it hit me: welcome to the world in which Amy Mann lived for the past 25 years, never complaining and always serving with a smile.

Amy grew up in Knightstown, Ind., and graduated from DePauw in 1975 with a degree in Spanish. She met her husband in Houston where they both worked at MD Anderson Hospital. At 30, Amy lost her eyesight due to her struggle with juvenile diabetes. She also had three kidney transplants over the next 20 years. With all she accomplished in life, it was obvious to me that Amy had a deep resolve to not let her diabetes or blindness keep her from the life she wanted.

With this resolve, Amy was active in Waco Junior League for 20 years and received the 1999 Excellence in Voluntarism award. She sang weekly in the League's musical therapy group which performed all over central Texas. She was chosen to carry the Olympic Torch in Austin for a segment on its journey to Athens in 2004. One of her favorite volunteer jobs was working with second graders, teaching bilingual students to read. This is a just a sampling of her many activities.

Amy had a wonderful sense of humor about life, and, of course, her blindness. We were to do some Theta business together a few years ago, and I asked her if I should pick her up, to which she responded, "I could drive myself there, but it might get a little interesting on the way." Her other amazing ability was to remember phone numbers. Amy was our computerized phone list!

As I sat through the rest of her memorial service, unable to see anything, I simply listened. Theta has lost a great friend, but she has left behind her encouragement and resolve for us all. Through my sadness, I can't help but smile.

*Kyle O'Brien Stevens, BS/SMU, &  
Ruth Killion Miller, EE/Baylor*

## VIRGINIA RICHMOND

Members of the Richmond Alumnae Chapter get together the first Thursday of the month for Theta Thursdays. These are typically social events where

the chapter tries a new local restaurant or visits an old favorite. This December, Theta Thursday ladies and their significant others met at the city's legendary Jefferson Hotel, which is known for its large Christmas tree and fabulous decorations during the holiday season. Stories, laughter, and cocktails were enjoyed by all. This month's event had another special twist: the members were asked to bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots program. The three large bags of toys were donated just in time to make a deserving child's Christmas a special one.

*Kristin Lopez Kacsanek, FI/Kentucky*

## WILLIAMSBURG

The Williamsburg Alumnae Chapter continues a two-year trend of increasing membership. We are grateful for our long-time members and new sisters who continue to join. The Williamsburg Alumnae Chapter is also fortunate to be able to regularly connect with and support the Beta Lambda Chapter at William and Mary. A favorite annual event is our senior luncheon, hosted by the alumnae and held at the Beta Lambda facility in honor of the graduating seniors.

*Anne Humphries Arseneau, BA/William & Mary*

## WASHINGTON SPOKANE

The Spokane Alumnae Chapter is a powerful group in its quest for social, intellectual, and moral growth.

To achieve the goals, 68 alumnae chapter members sold a total of 787 fresh holiday wreaths. These exceptional wreaths are made in Washington and mailed throughout the country.

Spokane Alumnae Chapter is located in eastern Washington, where there is no college chapter within an hour's drive. The chapter supports Alpha Nu/Montana, Alpha Sigma/Washington State, Beta Theta/Idaho, and Delta Delta/Whitman Chapters financially. In addition, chapter members serve on the Alpha Sigma advisory board and facility corporation board.

Spokane Thetas have social and intellectual interaction with the members of Kappa Kappa Gamma with an annual art museum or gallery tour and luncheon. Spokane Thetas are involved in supporting Christ Kitchen, both financially and as volunteers. Christ Kitchen employs poor and abused

women and provides moral and ethical guidance through a Bible fellowship group and a work program.

We also support the Alzheimers Foundation with a sizable donation and participation in the Alzheimers Walk. We serve as CASAs and also in CASA Partners.

Spokane has a dedicated group of alumnae who understand their hard work and commitment to the holiday wreath sale is the key to achievement of our goals—social, intellectual and moral growth.

*Lila Milligan Boyden, FO/New Mexico*

## DC/MARYLAND WASHINGTON, DC/SUBURBAN MARYLAND

The Washington, DC/Suburban Maryland Chapter had a relaxing summer and a wonderful fall with our normal lunch bunches, book club, and City-Kats happy hour group. Over the summer, some sisters visited our local Virginia vineyards to learn about the winemaking process. We celebrated the return from summer with a potluck and general meeting; in November, the group met for a brunch and financial seminar, led by a fellow sister.

Throughout the fall, at all of our events, we collected canned goods for the Gaithersburg Help Food Pantry. We collected more than 12 bags of goods for those in need. We ended the fall with a holiday pre-party for new members, our annual holiday party, and silent auction.

Our group has grown this year to almost 75 members! We are a diverse group of women who come together to share good times, and we are always looking for something new to add to our group. To keep up with our membership we updated our website with news, events, and even a Paypal membership option. Find out more at <http://www.dcthetas.org>.

*Melissa Ohnsfeldt, ZM/MIT* ♦



For information about how to submit a letter of reference and a legacy introduction (including where to send the forms), please go to [www.kappaalphatheta.org](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org).

Log into the site and click on the *Recommend a Potential New Member* link on the left.

**The Fraternity asks that—whenever possible—Thetas use the online Letter of Reference form, rather than the form printed here.**

## Legacy Policy

Who is a Theta legacy? A Theta legacy is defined as a daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter or sister of a Kappa Alpha Theta. Stepdaughters, step-granddaughters, step-great-granddaughters and step-sisters are considered legacies if their family considers them as such and asks that they be considered as such on the legacy introduction form.

There is no such thing as an indirect legacy (i.e., cousin, niece, etc.), and such persons must not be given special consideration on the invitation list. However, they may have special knowledge of and interest in Kappa Alpha Theta and should be warmly welcomed and recruited.

All legacies receive an automatic invitation to the second round of recruitment. No legacy can be released after the first round of recruitment. The only exception is a legacy who does not meet the scholastic requirements, per the individual college chapter bylaws.

Following the first round of recruitment, the executive recruitment board (ERB) will meet to hold a legacy review. An advisor must be present. At that time, the ERB will ensure that each legacy met the average number of members met by all PNMs participating in recruitment for that round and received the average number of votes that day. All legacies should be met by at least two members of the ERB.

Following the second round of recruitment, the membership district director (MDD) should be contacted regarding legacies. If none are to be released, the MDD will be notified at this time. If a legacy is still below the natural break, the MDD will require that the chapter vice-president membership (VPM) provide certain information.

After the required questions have been answered, a legacy may be released if the MDD determines that she has been given special consideration and is not considered to be congenial or a potentially contributing member of the chapter.

All legacies who remain after the second round of recruitment will be invited to the additional rounds thereafter. No legacy will be permitted to be released after the third round of recruitment or any additional rounds thereafter.

There is no preferential treatment given to a "chapter legacy" or a "sitting sister" over a legacy from another chapter.

## KAΘ Legacy Introduction

Complete this legacy introduction form and send it to the Theta chapter on the campus your legacy plans to attend.

*This introduction does not take the place of a reference.*

Please make sure a KAΘ Letter of Reference form is completed on behalf of your legacy.

To \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter

of Kappa Alpha Theta at \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

I wish to introduce my ☐ sister ☐ daughter  
☐ granddaughter ☐ great-granddaughter

LAST

FIRST

NICKNAME

She will be enrolling on your campus as a

☐ freshman ☐ sophomore ☐ junior ☐ senior

beginning \_\_\_\_\_

DATE

Her school address will be \_\_\_\_\_

Her cell phone number is \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST

MAIDEN

LAST

Chapter/School \_\_\_\_\_

Year initiated \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

STREET

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/PROVINCE

ZIP CODE

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

  
KAPPA ALPHA THETA  
TRUE PROMISE



# Kappa Alpha Theta Letter of Reference

(To be used only by members of KΑΘ)

## What to send

Complete information about the potential new member's qualifications is essential and a picture of her is highly desirable.

## Where to send

If the potential new member lives in a recruitment reference board area, the letter of reference may be sent to the recruitment reference board chairman (RRBC) or directly to the chapter. If the potential new member lives in any other area, the letter of reference shall be sent directly to the chapter. Do not send letters of reference to Fraternity headquarters.

## Who can send

Any alumna member in good standing may submit letters of reference.

Current undergraduate members in good standing may submit letters of reference for potential new members attending universities other than their own.

## Remember Theta and NPC Guidelines

Once recruitment has started, alumnae and collegiate members from other campuses must NOT contact members of the college chapter to inquire about progress. Such calls must be addressed to the chapter's membership adviser. Alumnae should neither expect to receive any information about the status of a specific potential new member nor expect to receive bid list information. Alumnae are also prohibited from sending food or gifts in any form to the chapter on behalf of a potential member. Breaking Panhellenic rules may cause the chapter to be penalized.

## I. Potential New Member Information

Name of Potential New Member	LAST	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME
Reference for	Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at			
	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE			
Entering as	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior
Age				
Hometown				
High School	NAME, CITY & STATE		Graduation Year	
Class Size	Class Rank	Scholastic Average	ACT/SAT	
College(s) Attended	NAME, CITY & STATE		GPA	
Campus Address	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
Cell Phone	Parent(s) or Guardian(s)		FULL NAME	
			MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME, IF KNOWN	
Home Address	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

## II. Potential New Member Connections

A Theta legacy is defined as a daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, or sister of a Kappa Alpha Theta in good standing. Stepdaughters, step granddaughters, step great-granddaughters and stepsisters are considered legacies if their Theta family member in good standing considers them as such and if the Theta asks that they be considered on the legacy introduction form.

Kappa Alpha Theta Legacy Information: ☐ sister ☐ mother ☐ grandmother ☐ great-grandmother

Please indicate if this is a step relation:

Name	FIRST	MAIDEN	LAST	Chapter
Name	FIRST	MAIDEN	LAST	Chapter
Other KΑΘ Relatives				Chapter
Other women's fraternity connections: Name	Relation		Fraternity	
Name	Relation		Fraternity	

## For RRBC Only

RRBC	Signature			
Address	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
Comments				

## For Chapter Use Only

Required written follow-up with sponsor or RRB:	
Acknowledged reference	by
Notification of outcome	by
New member information submitted online:	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
If pledged by KΑΘ, send this reference to Fraternity Headquarters within 14 days;	
if pledged to another NPC group on your campus, please destroy this reference. If not pledged to any NPC group, retain this reference for two years.	

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Recommend a Potential New Member



### III. Qualifications and Attributes



Please write your personal evaluation of the candidate you sponsor. Provide information and relate her qualifications to Kappa Alpha Theta's 4-Points of the Kite.

Please check and add comments and examples at right.  
(May attach sheet if space provided is not adequate)

#### Scholarship

- ☐ Honor Student
- ☐ Enrichment Programs
- ☐ National Honor Society
- ☐ Likely to Finish College

#### Personality

- ☐ Good Moral Character
- ☐ Loyal Member
- ☐ Dependable

#### Presentation

- ☐ Socially Congenial
- ☐ Compatible in a Group
- ☐ Reserved/Quiet
- ☐ Poised

#### Leadership

- ☐ Widest Influence for Good
- ☐ Extracurricular Activities
- ☐ Volunteer Activities
- ☐ Leadership Abilities
- ☐ Commitment

### IV. Suggested topics of conversation during recruitment

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### V. Endorsement

Please check applicable statements

- ☐ To my knowledge, this woman is not, nor has ever been, an initiated member of an NPC group.
- ☐ I hereby recommend this woman for membership in Kappa Alpha Theta based upon:
  - ☐ My personal acquaintance with her. I have known her for \_\_\_\_ years.
  - ☐ My acquaintance with this woman is through her family. I have known them for \_\_\_\_ years.
  - ☐ I do not know the potential new member; information was secured from a reliable source (mutual friend, teacher, clergy, Panhellenic files, etc.). That source is \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Initiated \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER/DATE

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE FOLLOWING COLLEGIANS!  
THEY EARNED STRAIGHT *As* FOR  
AT LEAST ONE TERM DURING THE  
2007-08 ACADEMIC YEAR.\*

(\*INDICATES STRAIGHT *As* FOR MULTIPLE TERMS)

## A/DePauw

Joy A. Collins  
Katharine M. Dobbins  
Amanda Gebert  
Antonia Miller  
Jamie Nipple  
Katie E. Schmelzer  
Mary K. Summers\*

## B/Indiana

Alana L. Barbato\*  
Sara E. Cooper  
Jenna N. Fritsch  
Linda J. Haley\*  
Elizabeth E. Hill  
Amanda M. Jacob  
Laura C. Keyton  
Stephanie L. Nowell  
Barbara H. Reynolds  
Katharine Russell  
Jessica L. Senefeld-  
Naber  
Brittany L. Waterman  
Emily R. Wenrich\*  
Abby L. Wolf  
Courtney C. Woodward

## T/Butler

Kara Albert  
Ashley Bradley  
Katherine J. Collins  
Kate Fuson Fuelberth  
Mary E. Hagen  
Hayleigh Hurt  
Paige McCracken  
Lisa K. Muhs  
Mackenzie Murnane  
Nicole Parsons  
Lisa A. Scheele\*  
Elizabeth Starling  
Tiffani Troxel  
Jenna E. Underwood  
Laura Van Weelden  
Aubrey Waldock

## A/Illinois

Sara K. Fuhrhop  
Kari Jackson\*  
Jamie Karl  
Melissa Meyer  
Angelica Nizio  
Elizabeth H. Renwick

## H/Michigan

Julie Berkowitz  
Abigail B. Berman  
Jennifer T. Kaplan  
Mariel Rosati  
Allison H. Yellin

## I/Cornell

Rachel Bloom  
Elizabeth Curran\*  
Courtney A. Eisner  
Danielle Kendrick  
Erin Litwin  
Hannah London  
Kathleen Melville  
Katherine A. Ramsey  
Amanda Trzcinski\*

## K/Kansas

Stephanie M. Atwood  
Kathryn M. Ault  
Megan M. Bauer  
Rebecca M. Braun\*  
Aunya M. Brown  
Martha A. Bryant  
Megan E. Burgardt  
Megan M. Fleming  
Megan E. Fracol\*  
Shalie L. Gaskill  
Emily E. Geier  
Taryn N. Gilbert\*  
Daphne H. Hiatt  
Chelsea D. Hudson  
Courtney S. Johnston  
Sarah J. Krattli  
Emily D. Nicks  
Emily A. Pinaire  
Christina A. Steinbrueck  
Stephanie A. Taylor  
Joan M. Thelen  
Laura J. Wichern  
Alison R. Zeigler

## M/Allegheny

Brandi Carolino  
Stacy Kowalsky  
Abbe C. Machi\*  
Sarah E. Snider

## N/Hanover

Megan E. Downey\*  
Kaitlin M. Dunaway\*  
Meredith C. Elliott

## O/USC

Brooke Beverage  
Allison R. Cummings  
Christina Duin  
Jaclyn F. Enterante  
Lindsay C. Kinder  
Geneva N. Knuth  
Shannon Laine  
Jessica L. Martell  
Mary McCluggage  
Kate O'Brien  
Elizabeth W. Rider  
Leslie Small

Brittany Tinker

## II/Albion

Sarah E. Bunde\*  
Sydney A. Campbell  
Catherine R. Game\*  
Erika C. Poltowicz\*

## P/Nebraska

Maris N. Anderson\*  
Emily T. Bahe  
Katie Bauer  
Alexandra Bieber  
Michaela R. Brown  
Megan Dowling  
Christine Freyer  
Nicole C. Johnson  
Magdalen D. Peitzmeier  
Kimberly Ruud  
Kendra K. Samuelson\*  
Paige M. Sanburg\*  
Carrie E. Schiefelbein\*  
Cara L. Waldo\*

## T/Northwestern

Katherine E. Bruksch  
Amanda Budow\*  
Elisa Chen  
Avery T. Duer  
Hannah E. Fraser-  
Chanpong  
Natassia Gutman Safan  
Jennifer L. Hemesath\*  
Samantha Lalli  
Kelsey A.  
Lindenschmidt  
Jackie R. London  
Linnea Perelli-Minetti\*  
Kelly J. Senyei  
Abigail Stern

## Y/Minnesota

Audra L. Ragan\*

## Phi/Pacific

Emma K. Coffey  
Lauren A. Hill  
Nadia Mahallati  
Zarita Mae Odias\*

## X/Syracuse

Lisa B. Anthony  
Deanna Southerling  
Courtney K. Tunney  
Sarah K. Wendel\*  
Claire S. Zillman

## W/Wisconsin

Sarah Bagnall  
Becky Besasio  
Robyn Grayson

Julie Hymer

Ashley Jenkins\*  
Patricia Katsigiannis  
Alison K. McCarville  
Elizabeth M. Mueller\*  
Catherine Olien  
Stephanie Pedersen\*  
Meghan Post  
Jennifer L. Shea  
Allison Totsky

## Omega/UC Berkeley

Claire C. Bonelli  
Kristyn N. Hara  
Kathryn N. Horwath  
Lindsay R. Hunter  
Rebecca E. Rosen

## AT/Ohio State

Jill L. Fogel\*  
Amanda Gregory  
Robin I. Jacobson\*  
Andrea N. Lee\*

## AE/Brown

Clancey Bateman  
Alissa B. Cerny\*  
Marta daSilva\*  
Kaitlin M. Fitzpatrick  
Gena L. Gonzales  
Cara E. Mazzucco  
Rudmila Rahman\*  
Sarah A. Votolato\*

## AH/Vanderbilt

Sarah Baker  
Laura Buntin  
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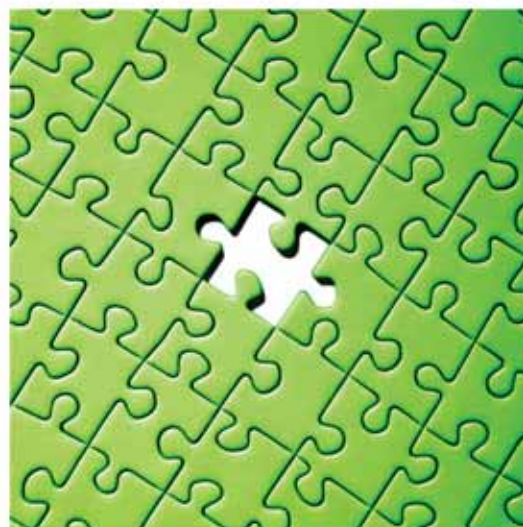
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Margaret Myers Helm; 1932, August 2008  
Virginia Ruddell Herman; 1953, September 2008

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Jane Ford Campbell; 1938, October 2008  
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Judith Puckett Sherbert; 1957, December 2008  
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Mary Lou Bennett Vaught; 1942, November 2008  
Alberta (Bernie) Wells; 1941, December 2008

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Mary Brown Holton; 1940, July 2008  
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Constance Kagey Vance; 1950, December 2008  
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Linda Lowry Grout; 1959, October 2008  
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Joanne Ackerman Goodwin; 1945, October 2008  
Mary Kelly Hellweg; 1929, September 2008  
Beverly Williams Kimball; 1948, March 2008

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Mary Gilkey Dysart; 1940, May 2008

### **Y/Minnesota**

Ellen Fitzgerald; 1959, June 2008  
Alice Casseday Meili; 1926, April 2008  
Kathryn Salisbury Ring; 1940, August 2008  
Anabel (Anne) Young Schmidt; 1954, November 2008  
Helen VanWagenen Swalin; 1949, December 2008

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Virginia Guilfoil Allen; 1936, August 2008  
Emily O'Keefe Gutches; 1952, September 2008  
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Marilyn Bronner Wilkes Weinberger; 1956, Aug. 2008  
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Jean Higgins Bonney; 1934, September 2008

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Mary Jones Rymarz; 1931, August 2008

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Elizabeth Meisinger Kattmann; 1931, September 2008  
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Elinor Hilton Thomas; 1945, September 2008  
Betty Duncan Trimpe; 1942, November 2008

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Helen Wand Molloy; 1943, July 2008

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